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MIDNIGHT.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS,
(SECOND SESSION.)

SENATE: Alterations in Committees---Dignity and Sovereignty of the Nation---Ratification of Amendments---Repeal of the Test Oath---Political Condition of Cuba---Disabilities. HOUSE: Homestead Law---Information for Farmers --- Exempting the Property of Soldiers and Sailors from Taxation ---Assignment of New Members to Committees---The Next Census.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

SENATE.

On motion of Mr. ANTHONY, the Standing Committees were announced by the Clerk. The following Senators constitute the several committees named below, after the alterations made this morning:

Foreign Relations.—Messrs. Sumner, Cameron, Harlen, Morton, Patterson, Schurz and Casserly.

Appropriations.—Messrs. Morrill, Me., Wilson, Cole, Sprague, Sawyer, Poole and Stockton.

Naval Affairs.—Messrs. Cragin, Anthony, Nye, Drake, Osborne and Stockton.

Patents.—Messrs. Willey, Ferry, Carpenter, Norton and Hamilton.

Library.—Messrs. Cattell, Howe and Morrill, of Maine.

To Audit and Control Contingent Expenses.—Messrs. Ferry, Edmunds and Davis.

The other Committees are without alteration.

The following petitions were presented and referred:

By Mr. EDMUNDS: One of C. D. Boutwell, of Texas, setting forth that the petitioner has been a rebel and had got sick of it, and now wanted to be relieved from all disabilities.

By Mr. SUMNER: One of W. Cornell Jowett, asking as a means of vindicating the dignity and sovereignty of the nation to suspend the working of the French cable on American soil until France authorized the landing of a cable from America on French soil, and guarantee that all American dispatches should freely pass over France through the hands of American agents. Mr. Sumner remarked that there was now upon the table of the Senate a bill which met the prayer of the petitioner, and he proposed calling it up early day.

By Mr. HAMLIN, a memorial from officers of the United States navy, representing that injustice had been done by the special promotion over them of many of their juniors in the service, under the Act of July 25th, 1866, and praying Congress to redress the great wrong under which they believed themselves to suffer, by restoring them to the positions to which they have been relatively entitled. Mr. Hamlin said he had certain knowledge of facts in some of the cases referred to, and had no doubt that simple justice demanded at the hands of Congress a reparation for the wrong committed. He asked the earnest and candid attention of the Committee on Naval Affairs to the subject.

Mr. EDMUNDS gave notice that until Friday he would ask for the consideration of the House resolution regulating the hours of labor of Government laborers, workmen and mechanics. A resolution was passed at the last session in relation to the hours of labor, without touching the matter of compensation. The Attorney General had given a decision on that law, but the heads of departments had not executed the law in accordance with that decision. The law itself, he believed, was not satisfactory to the workmen. At least it was working to produce ill-feeling, tended to demoralize any government institution in which laborers were employed.

Mr. WILLIAMS introduced a joint resolution relating to the amendment to the constitution, providing that whenever satisfactory evidence is furnished to the Secretary of State that three-fourths of all the Legislatures have ratified any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, he shall forthwith proclaim the fact of such ratification, and if it shall appear that the Legislature of a State has ratified an amendment proposed in addition to or other action by the Legislature of that State as to such amendment shall be void, and disregarded by the Secretary of State. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. SHERMAN introduced a bill to promote international coinage, fixing the weight of the gold coin of five dollars at 124,920 troy grains, equivalent to a coin of twenty five francs. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. CARPENTER introduced a bill in relation to the rights of members of Congress, providing that nothing in any act of Congress shall hereafter be construed to prevent any member of Congress from practicing as attorney, solicitor, or counsel in the prosecution or defense of any cause, claim, or proceeding in any judicial Court of the United States.

Mr. FERRY introduced a bill to repeal all laws requiring what is known as the administration of the test oath. Referred.

Mr. CATTELL introduced a bill giving the consent of the United States to the erection by a private corporation of a bridge across the Delaware River, between Philadelphia and Camden. Referred to Committee on Commerce.

Mr. SUMNER offered a resolution calling upon the Committee on Military Affairs to consider whether any further legislation was needed to secure for all colored citizens, who have served in the army of the United States, complete equality with all white citizens, in the enjoyment of military bounty. He had understood a statute existed by which the former slaves who had served in the army were excluded from the enjoyment of that bounty. As it had been the object to give equal rights to all who served under our flag, and he asked the early attention of the Military Committee on the complete accomplishment of that object.

Mr. CAMERON offered the following:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate, if in his opinion not incompatible with the public interests, any information he may have with regard to the civil and political condition of Cuba. Adopted.

The resolution previously offered by Mr. Ramsey asking for information concerning the presence of Hon. William McDougall, in Dakota Territory in opposition of the inhabitants to his assumption of the office of Governor, was taken up.

Mr. HOWARD said he thought the resolution unnecessary, inasmuch as the differences of the United States were not involved in the local disturbance which had arisen in the Red River country. The disturbance was confined to one of the remote possessions of the Dominion of Canada. He had been informed that McDougall had received no appointment to the exercise of authority in the Red River country, but was acting as a private citizen, though having received an assurance of future appointment as Governor of that portion of British America known as the Red River country. Many settlers on the northern border of Minnesota were, perhaps, greatly dissatisfied with the arrangement recently made, by which the Hudson Bay Company had sold out their interests, and the great object with them was the erection of a local government of their own, to look after their own special interests. The difficulty was apparently of a purely local nature.

Mr. RAMSEY said a portion of the people he represented enjoyed considerable trade with the Red River country, and that the people of the latter locality were in a state of discontent and revolution. The United States was represented there by a collector of revenue, and other officials, and it seemed important that the exact condition of affairs there should be ascertained. Agreed to.

Mr. THURMAN offered a resolution requesting the President to inform the Senate whether, since the last session of Congress, any negotiations had taken place, or been proposed, between this Government and the Government of Great Britain, in respect to the reciprocity treaty or reciprocity laws, on the subject of trade and commerce between the United States and Canada, and to communicate any correspondence that may have taken place between the Executive and Government of Great Britain, or that of the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. SUMNER suggested the insertion of the usual clause "If in the discretion of the President the information be consistent with the public interest."

The resolution so modified was agreed to.

The resolution of Mr. STEWART requesting the Judiciary Committee to inquire if any of the States were denying to any class of persons the equal protection of the laws in violation of the treaty obligations of the fourteenth amendment was agreed to.

The resolution of Mr. DRAKE, providing that hereafter the door of the Senate shall be cleared of persons not entitled to its privileges ten minutes before the meeting of the body, was agreed to—19 to 17.

The bill to relieve certain persons therein named from disabilities imposed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution came up. It contains the names of four or five hundred persons.

Mr. SUMNER moved to refer it to a committee, but after discussion withdrew the motion, when the bill passed.

The joint resolution for the relief of persons engaged in the late rebellion, providing that upon the final adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment all disabilities shall cease, was taken up.

Mr. STEWART said he believed the time had arrived to make a declaration here proposed. No danger need be apprehended upon the immediate removal of these disabilities, but, on the contrary, the continued imposition would have the effect that Congress desired to prevent—that of throwing the former rebel States into rebellion.

The Senate went into Executive Session soon after. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. PALMER introduced a bill to authorize the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Company to change the established route in Nebraska. Referred P. and C. Railroad Committee.

Mr. LAWRENCE offered a resolution directing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire as to the adequacy of amending the homestead law so as to authorize ex-soldiers and seamen of the United States to secure one hundred and sixty acres of land instead of eighty acres, as now authorized for a homestead, out of the alternate sections of land embraced in railroad and other grants, owned by the Government. Adopted.

Mr. SARGENT introduced a bill to procure and disseminate information of the extent of cereal and other crops of foreign countries, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. It requires the American Consuls residing in countries which raise cereal or other crops that come in competition with American products in the markets of the world, to furnish a quarterly statement of the condition of crops to the State Department, which are to furnish them to the Commissioner of Agriculture, who is required to publish them in condensed form in his monthly circular, corrected by any accurate information in his possession. The object of the bill is to furnish information to the farmers, to enable them to sell or hold their crops in view of foreign markets, most of the information now obtainable being drawn from English sources and colored by the necessities of that country. Other bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. STRICKLAND: Extending the Portage Lake & Lake Superior Railroad to Kewchaw Bay, Michigan, by Finkleburg; concerning duties on imports, proposing a periodical reduction of ten per cent.

By Mr. CAVANAUGH, of Montana: To provide for the election of certain territorial officers by the people.

By Mr. MUNGIN: To exempt from taxation the property of ex-soldiers and sailors of the United States to the same extent as the property of bond holders.

By Mr. O'NEILL: For the restoration of Capt. Dominic Lynch to the active list of the Navy.

By Mr. McCRARY: To amend the act for the consolidation of United States statutes.

The Speaker made a proposition to the House in reference to the assignment to committees of the recently admitted members. At present it was not in his power to assign them to committees, and he suggested he be authorized to assign them as tenth members to such committees as he might deem desirable.

Mr. BROOKS, of New York, expressed the hope that the Speaker would improve the opportunity by adding a Democratic member to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. FARNSWORTH suggested that the matter be referred to the Committee on Rules.

Mr. SCHENCK did not favor that suggestion, because it would be apt to cause delay, and would look to something like a permanent arrangement instead of a temporary one.

Mr. FARNSWORTH did not wish to be understood as objecting to the Speaker's proposition, but reminded the House there were a great many of the committees of the House that were obsolete, except on paper, and that never met and had no place of meeting, and he thought it better that the whole subject of committees be revised by the Committee on Rules.

Mr. WELKER offered a resolution giving the Speaker the authority suggested.

Mr. DAWES favored the referring of the whole matter to the Committee on Rules. It did not seem to him quite right to leave the matter entirely to the Speaker. It was a delicate matter, and he supposed the Speaker would prefer to have it arranged by the Committee on Rules.

The SPEAKER said he had no desire in the matter at all, other than might be indicated by a decision of the House.

Mr. ELDRIDGE suggested that the difficulty might be obviated by the resignation of members of committees who are now serving on more than one.

Mr. BENJAMIN thought the whole matter premature, until after the admission of the Virginia, Mississippi and Texas members.

Finally the subject was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Dawes in the chair, and proceeded to the consideration of the bill to provide for taking the ninth census, to fix the numbers of members of the House of Representatives, and to provide for their future apportionment among the States.

Mr. STOKES, Chairman of the Census Committee, commended the industry of the sub committee which sat during the recess, and said he would leave the management of engineering the bill to the chairman of the sub-committee, Mr. Garfield, of Ohio.

Mr. GARFIELD proceeded to state succinctly the points of the bill, and machinery devised therein for taking the census, explaining wherein and why it differed from that by which the census of 1860 was taken. In reply to questions put by Mr. Butler, Mr. Clark, of Kansas, and others, in regard to representation in Congress, Mr. Garfield said the present organization or numbering of the House began on the fourth of March, 1864, and manifestly will run until the second day in March, 1873. The census to be taken next June ought, of course, be to complete, so far as the taking is concerned, by the first of July. We shall not know until next fall what the basis of representation will be, and as a matter of course no redistricting of States can be made until that time. The Committee had agreed this morning to fill up the blank for the number of members with three hundred. In reference to information to be obtained from railroad companies, Mr. Garfield said he thought that the negro question had been got rid of, the next great fight would be with the railroad corporations. Congress should at least know what they were doing with the national wealth in their hands. In reply to a question by Mr. Peters, he stated that with the whole number of members fixed at three hundred, no State would suffer the loss of a member, but with two hundred and seventy-five fixed as the number, two or three New England States would suffer.

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NEWS BY CABLE.

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ROME.

ROME, December 8.—The Ecumenical Council was opened to-day by the Pope. The weather is unfavorable, rain is falling at intervals throughout the day, but an enormous crowd filled the Vatican and lined the streets through which the members of the Council passed. The Pope, followed by seven hundred Bishops, proceeded to the hall of the Council amid the ringing of bells and thundering of cannon from the forts of St. Angels and Mount Aventine. The Holy Father is in fine health. The galleries of the hall of the Council was occupied by the Sovereigns and Princes now in Rome, by members of corps diplomatique and other notables. The ceremonies excelled in grandeur and magnificence any taken place in Rome within the present century.

LONDON, December 8.—No power has a special representative at the Ecumenical Council.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 8.—The English Ministry refused to accept the modifications of the treaty of commerce between England and France, proposed by the latter.

The *Times* in an article on American finances, says: The fact that repudiation has been practiced by all the States except Massachusetts, associated with the theory which widely obtains in the Union, that gold dollars ought to be paid in paper, forfeits American securities. Offers of conversion will arouse distrust and defer success.

The *Daily News*, commenting on General Grant's statement of the Alabama question in his message, infers that the Americans want to quarrel for their losing rather than their trade or pockets. This may be given. Diplomacy may oil this friction, and remove a sentimental grievance without compromising British interests and pride.

The Continental press generally applaud Mr. Boutwell's plan for resumption of specie payments.

The appointment of Rev. Dr. Temple as Bishop of Exeter, has been confirmed, notwithstanding the protests and arguments against it.

It is reported that the United States steamer Plymouth will not accompany the remains of Mr. Peabody to America, but return to the Mediterranean.

Shallow iron steamers are building on the Tigris for the navigation of the Suez Canal. Mr. Ashbury, who sailed through the Canal on the yacht Cambria, writes, after taking careful soundings, he is of opinion that no vessel drawing over nineteen feet can pass through the Canal.

General N. P. Bank has arrived here.

FRANCE.

PARIS, December 8.—The *Siecle* to-day prints a large portion of the report of the Secretary of the American Treasury and says: "An American promise is equivalent to its fulfillment."

In the Corps Legislatif to-day Mr. Fercade Du La Roquette, Minister of the Interior, made a speech in favor of the verification of the election of M. Dreulle, which aroused excitement on the Left. He declared the Government defended the country against evil doctrines, and the country endorsed it. In towns only disorders prevailed. He was in favor of putting down the evil doers who had disgraced Paris and other towns during the late elections. He concluded, by assuring the deputies that the Government wished to establish liberty, but with prudence and firmness. The speech was warmly applauded. The right of M. Dreulle to sit was sustained—affirmative, 214; negative, 77.

The Prince of Montegro has protested against the intention of Austria to occupy his territory with troops, and the Prussian Government sustains Montegro.

SPAIN.

MADRID, December 8.—The Republicans have appointed a committee to investigate the cases of those Republicans implicated for participation in the insurrection.

EGYPT.

ALEXANDRIA, December 8.—The bark Nael, the first vessel through Suez Canal, has been totally lost in the Red Sea.

ITALY.

FLORENCE, December 8.—A Congress of Deists is assembled in Naples.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, December 8.—*Evening*—Consols 92¾ for money; account 92⅝@92¾. American securities flat: 5-20s—62¾; 85⅛; '68s, 85⅛; 67s, 85⅛; 10-40s, 81¼. Frankfort, bonds 90⅝@90¾. Eries 20¼; Illinois Central 95⅝. Atlantic & Great Western 29⅝. Stocks steady.

PARIS, December 8.—Bourse dull at 72f. 80c.

LIVERPOOL, December 8.—Cotton steady; uplands 11¾d; Orleans 11¾d; sales 10,000 bales. California white Wheat 9s 10d; red western No. 2 8s 6d; winter 9s. Flour 22s. Corn 29s 3d. Oats 2s 1d. Peas 38s. Pork 110s. Beef 107s 6d. Lard quiet and steady at 75s 6d. Cheese 68s. Bacon 67s 6d. Produce unchanged.

LONDON, December 8.—Tallow firm at 47s 3d@47s 6d. Linseed Oil firmer at 28s 188. Sugar 39s@39s 6d. Refined Petroleum is 8d@8s 8½d.

HAVRE, December 8.—Cotton quiet and steady.

Antwerp and other Continental petroleum markets firm.

ST. LOUIS.

Progress on the Bridge—Festival of the Immaculate Conception.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ST. LOUIS, December 8.—The work on the eastern pier of the bridge to cross the river here is progressingly rapidly. Eleven hundred cubic yards of masonry has been laid in the past five days. The pier has reached the bottom of the river, and to-day the sand pumps were put to work, and the sand and water beneath the pier is being rapidly pumped out. The prisoner in the Burdell murder, but he told facts that point directly to Mrs. Cunningham. Mrs. Cunningham and daughter were present at his funeral Tuesday.

—Samuel P. Blatchford, late Deputy Collector of New York, it is understood acknowledges to Mr. Pierrepont his complicity in the drawback frauds, and promises to make a full exposure of the matter. He says his revelation will astonish the country, and implicate some who stand high in business, official and political circles in New York and elsewhere.

—A letter from Fort Laramie, dated December 4th, says: "The Indian troubles in Wyoming are quite alarming. Bands of Sioux are roving through the territory, robbing and murdering. One mail party that left Fort Laramie were driven in by the Indians, and another that left several days previous had not been heard from, and it is feared they have been captured.

THE CAPITAL.

Diplomacy Settles the Spanish Gunboat Question—Nominations—Nominations Confirmed—Termination of Indian Treaties—Ordered to Duty—To Settle Disputes—Deputy Marshal Shot—Tennessee Outlaws and Illicit Distillers—Reprieved—Judgeships—Admission of Virginia—Congratulations—Pardoned Rebels—Supreme Judgeship—Coin in the Treasury.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, December 8, 1869.

SOLICITATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate to-day confirmed the nominations of Gen. Belknap, Secretary of War, and Mr. Robeson, as Secretary of the Navy. All other nominations were referred to the appropriate Committee.

DIPLOMACY SETTLES THE SPANISH GUNBOAT QUESTION.

The Spanish gunboat question is in course of settlement by diplomacy. The Spanish minister to-day presented a paper to the Secretary of State giving a pledge that the gunboats will not be the means of carrying on war with Peru or any other nation with which the United States are at peace. This communication is somewhat similar to that heretofore presented by the Peruvian minister to remove the objections of Spain, the effect of which was the release of the two monitors purchased in the United States for the Peruvian government. The Peruvian minister, on the receipt of a copy of the paper, expressed himself in the highest satisfaction of the assurance of the Spanish Minister, therefore, the cause of the detention of the Spanish gunboats is removed. District Attorney Pierrepont has already, or soon will be made acquainted with these diplomatic proceedings, and it is anticipated his action in the premises will authorize the immediate release of the gunboats, when they will be transferred by the contractor to the authorities of Spain. The Spanish Minister takes a view similar to that of the Peruvian Minister to Mr. Seward nearly two years since, that the war between Spain and Peru, and other South American States in which we were with no intentions to renew hostilities. This is the present condition of affairs, although not formally announced in the communications between these governments. But when the representatives of Spain, Peru, Chili, Bolivia, and Ecuador meet in Washington next January, in joint conference, it is confidently expected they will give emphasis to the fact that peace has been restored among them, with the desire to cultivate the most friendly relations.

NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE.

The following nominations were sent in to-day: For Circuit Judges: Geo. F. Shipply, of Maine, for first circuit; Lewis B. Woodruff, of New York, 2nd Circuit; Wm. McKennan, of Pennsylvania, 3rd Circuit; Geo. A. Pearle, of Maryland, 4th Circuit; Wm. B. Woods, of Alabama, 5th Circuit; Geo. A. Yeaman, of Kentucky, 6th Circuit; Thos. Drummond, of New York, 7th Circuit; Lorenzo Sawyer, 9th Circuit. The other nominations were of appointments made during the recess including thirty-seven in the Treasury, sixty-four in the Navy and one hundred and thirty-eight in the War Department, eight to Attorney General's office, and one—Wm. M. Marshall, to the First Assistant Postmaster General.

Among the nominations sent to the Senate to-day were Charles J. Folger, Assistant Treasurer at New York; A. Palmer, Appraiser, at New York. Also, the following in the Navy Department: Augustus L. Case, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance; Daniel Ammen, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks; Edward T. Dunn, Chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, and Wm. M. Wood, Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

PARDONED REBELS.

The Senate to-day passed the House bill relieving from political disabilities large numbers of Southerners, including the following: Gr. Kentucky—Phillip Lee, Caldwell, Jones, Francis Hogan, Richard D. Winterstein and Randolph Duncan, of Louisville; B. Howard Smith, Chas. B. Thomas, Jno. M. Elliott, A. McAfee, Jno. Logan, Wm. E. Kellar, Thos. W. Napier, J. Warren Grigsby, A. J. Beal, Jas. A. Frazier, Henry A. Pastoriza, Jas. Brennan, C. F. Nemois, Wm. Dickinson, Wm. C. Bell, Jno. S. Wills, Jas. W. Schualing, T. F. A. Ribb, D. O. Harris, R. T. Owen, Paschall B. Baker, and Robert Riddell, Jr.

COIN IN THE TREASURY.

The Secretary of the Treasury at present has on hand about $71,000,000 in coin, and the receipts from customs during the balance of this month are estimated at $10,000,000, which will make a total of $81,000,000. The weekly sales of gold, however, will reduce this amount six or eight millions. On the 31st inst. about $52,000,000 will be required to pay the semi-annual interest on the bonds of 1881 and 5-20s falling due the 1st proximo, which will leave a balance on hand of about forty-four or forty-six millions at that time.

TENNESSEE OUTLAWS AND ILLICIT DISTILLERS.

Collector Galbraith, of the First Tennessee District reports to Commissioner Delano the destruction of several illicit stills in Jefferson county. This county is said to be infested with outlaws engaged in violating the Government revenue laws. Deputy Marshals are said not succeed in making any arrests, as their approach was heralded by parties in collusion with the outlaws and illicit distillers, who made haste to leave.

ADMISSION OF VIRGINIA.

The committee appointed by the Virginia Legislature to visit Washington and urge upon Congress the immediate admission of that State, had an interview to-day with Gen. Schenck, Chairman of the Committee on Reconstruction. The interview was satisfactory to both parties, and the committee felt assured their mission would be successful, but that a pledge will be required as a preliminary that the State constitution will be carried out in good faith.

A DEPUTY MARSHAL SHOT.

The following telegram was received at the Internal Revenue office, to day:

SEDALIA, Mo., December 8.—Deputy Marshal Moses was shot dead on the 4th inst., by Felix Whitesworth, in Camden county. Please forward the Marshal to send a force immediately.

MACK J. LEAMING,
Commissioner Delano has telegraphed for fuller particulars.

THE JUDGESHIPS.

Thomas Drummond, of Illinois, was to-day nominated for Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, under the new law. This is the only District Judge selected for Circuit Judge. The nomination of Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit will soon be made. The choice is said to be between Ben. Loan, of Missouri, and Judge Dillon, of Iowa.

TO SETTLE DISPUTES.

By direction of the Secretary of War, in cases where questions arise as to the ownership of animals in possession of Indians, the commanding officer of the nearest military post is to act in conjunction with the Indian agent in charge of said Indians, in an investigation of the question.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The National Labor Convention of Colored People adopted a resolution that its President and Vice President be a delegation to wait on the President of the United States and tender the congratulations of the colored laborers of the United States.

REPRIEVED.

An order has been issued from the War Department directing the release of Matthew D. Taylor, sentenced by military court one year ago to four years confinement in the penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas.

SUPREME JUDGESHIP.

No nomination has yet been made for the vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States. The choice unfortunately lies between Attorney General Hoar and Judge Erskine, of Georgia.

TERMINATION OF INDIAN TREATIES.

The House Committee on Indian Affairs to-day agreed to report a bill looking to the termination of all treaties with the Indians, and providing for them by special legislation from time to time.

ORDERED TO DUTY.

Rear Admiral Craven has been ordered to assume the duties of Port Admiral at San Francisco, on the 1st of January.

UPPER RIVERS.

(By Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph.)

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., December 8.—The river is stationary, with six feet water in the channel. Weather clear. Thermometer 34 at 4 P. M.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 9, 1869

PETROLEUM at Antwerp, 61¼.

U. S. BONDS at Frankfort, 90¾@91.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 129¾.

WILLIAM MCKENNAN, Esq., of Washington, Pa., was yesterday nominated by the President for U. S. Circuit Judge of the 3d Circuit, composed of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

THE results of the Texas election remain more than ever doubtful, the late advices being still more favorable to the success of the regular Republican nominations, as against the first returns which seemed to be all Conservative. It is settled, however, that the new Constitution has been adopted by an unanimous vote. We have nothing definite about the Congressmen.

THE *York Democrat* supports the general movement for the calling of a Constitutional Convention, and urges such changes of the organic order as would fill by popular election the offices of Secretary, Attorney General, School Superintendent and Treasurer, prohibiting special legislation and legislative devorces, entrusting the pardoning power to a special board, and enlarging the basis of representation.

THE New York *World*, since the appearance of the Message, wishes the world to believe that the Georgian rebels would do the right thing, if let alone. It denounces the Republican movement "to take a snap judgment upon Georgia, before the Legislature could of its own motion satisfy the demands of Congress by reseating the negro members and ratifying the fifteenth amendment." And again, says the *World*: "If the State is left alone she will do her duty—and, if necessary, she will even ratify the fifteenth amendment and admit the negro members to their seats." These pledges are very acceptable, but we doubt if the *World* speaks by the card for its Georgia friends, or if the country ought not to prefer, decidedly, that Congress should leave nothing to this kind of death-bed repentence, but do at once what the State has not done, nor would she do if she could avoid it. The *World* is too late with its fine promises.

WE HAVE overlooked too long the pleasant duty of commending the improved appearance of two excellent journals, the Cleveland *Leader* and the Cincinnati *Chronicle*, in their new type. These newspapers are now among the best-looking, as they have always been among the ablest, of our exchanges.

The Oil City *Daily Times*, a new claimant for public favor, will merit the support for which it asks, if the promises of the initial issue shall be realized in its future career. It is to make a specialty of the petroleum interest, satisfying a long-felt necessity of the trade. We recommend the *Times* to the favorable regard of all who wish for a reliable reporter from the oil regions.

The New York *Independent* celebrated its twenty first birth-day recently, by the issue of a pictorial triple-sheet number, and promises a similar monthly issue hereafter. But the real worth of that journal is seen in the honest independence of its views, the vigor of its tone, the variety of its miscellany, its clear typography and its very low price.

HOW LONG?

Have the people any rights which railway corporations are bound to respect? Is the navigation of the Ohio river free to all the world, with no special privileges to any private interests to obstruct it at pleasure, or must the population of the wide territory drained by this river, submit contentedly to the fragmentary easement which is left, after these corporations have satisfied their own superior interests?

As if the obstructions at Steubenville were not enough, more death-traps for human life, and fresh contrivances for the destruction of property have been devised and set in the midst of the stream at two other points below, sinking, within the week past, eight barges, one fine steamer and sending five human beings to sudden death. How much longer shall a half dozen railroad Senators, Representatives and lawyers be one impotent to humbug Congress and trample upon the rights of the millions? Is it not about time for these millions to be heard from, in a tone to be respected?

THE PRESIDENT ON MANUFACTURES.

In his Message, President GRANT says:

I feel safe in saying that the taxes and revenue from imports may be reduced safely from sixty to eighty millions per annum *at once*, and still further reduced from year to year, as the resources of the country are developed.

To some readers this might seem inconsistent and at variance with the preceding paragraph, where he said:

The subject of the tariff and internal taxation will necessarily receive your attention. The revenues of the country are greater than the requirements, and may with safety be reduced. But as the funding of the debt in a four or four and a half per cent. bond would reduce the annual current expenses largely, thus affording funding, justify a greater reduction of taxation than would be now expedient, I suggest a postponement of this subject until the next meeting of Congress. It may be advisable to modify taxation and the tariff in instances where unjust or burdensome discriminations are made by the present laws; *but of a general revision of the laws regulating this subject I recommend a postponement for the present.*

The first recommendation is a reduction of the customs "at once," by a large increase of the free list, taking the duties entirely off many articles of foreign growth or production which do not come in competition with our own national industries—duties which were imposed under the stress of war, and were cheerfully borne by a patriotic people under the then existing circumstances, but which are unnecessary now in the easy condition of the national treasury. In the other paragraph quoted above, the reader will perceive, especially by the clause which we have *italicised*, that the President is speaking of quite another matter. He has seen the persistent and desperate efforts of the free-traders to go into a general revision of the laws regulating imposts, and has advised a postponement of any such action for the present. His position is: "Let the tariff laws alone so far as they bear upon the industrial interests of the nation."

In a subsequent part of the message the President has himself furnished the best commentary upon what we have already quoted, the most cogent reasons why we should cling to the protective system, and, in a word, the most comprehensive, concise, and common sense view of the whole subject that has yet been given. HENRY C. CAREY himself could not have put it better. We quote again, and ask the reader to weigh carefully every clause;

Our manufactures are increasing with wonderful rapidity, under the encouragement which they now receive. With the improvements in machinery already effected and still increasing, machinery is to take the place of skilled labor to a large extent. Our imp rts of many articles must fall off largely within a very few years. Fortunately too many manufactures are not confined to a few localities, as formerly, and it is to be hoped will become more and more diffused, making the interest in them equal in all sections. They give employment and support to hundreds of thousands of people at home, *and retain with us the means which otherwise would be shipped abroad.*

The extension of railroads in Europe and the East is bringing into competition with our agricultural products like products of other countries. Self preservation, therefore, dictates caution against disturbing any industrial interest of the country. It teaches us also the necessity of looking to other markets for the sale of our surplus. Our neighbors in the South of the United States, and China and Japan, should receive our special attention. It will be the endeavor of the administration to cultivate such relations with all these nations as to entitle us to their confidence, and make it their interest as well as our own to establish better commercial relations.

The country will breathe easier for this noble stand of its Chief Magistrate against a class of men, comparatively few in number, but wielding immense wealth and consequently influence, made up largely of foreigners, who for sake of their trade, would strike down the only system which can give us real and substantial independence, and keep our working classes above the abject condition of the same classes in Europe; the only means by which gold can be made to accumulate, so as to render a return to specie payments possible; the only policy by which our agriculturists can ever hope to acquire markets at their own doors, and be rid of the intolerable bane of hordes of middle men and speculators, who eat out their substance worse than ever the officers sent over by George III. ate out the substance of the colonists. With a few words, a few strokes of solid logic, General GRANT has driven to the winds the bales and bundles of specious fallacies with which those interested advocates of free trade have overspread the country, and crammed the minds of our western agricultural population with the shallowest sophistries.

Our object at this time is merely to call close attention to what the President has said on this important subject. We need not argue it, for he has suggested all the arguments required; and we doubt not but his suggestions will so commend themselves to the minds of the members of Congress that no apprehensions need be felt of any disturbing action on their part at the present session.

What he says upon the diffusion of manufactures over every part of the country is very significant; for that is all that is needed to render the protection of our national industries universally popular, and establish it as the settled policy of the country.

TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION.

We learn that petitions, in the form annexed, are largely in circulation throughout the State. A local agent, Mr. J. E. Johnston, 56 Sixth avenue, will supply the blank forms to all applicants. The movement presents a practical and effective exposition of the temperance sentiment of the people, and will address itself with forcible directness to the Legislative attention:

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENNSYLVANIA:

The undersigned, citizens of ——— respectfully represent:

That over sixty millions of dollars are annually spent by the people of Pennsylvania for intoxicating drinks.

That over ten thousand citizens of Pennsylvania annually die the drunkard's death.

That intoxicating drink is the direct cause of nearly all the crime, poverty and social disorder throughout the State.

That a large majority of drinking house keepers throughout the State do not even pretend to keep inns or taverns for the accommodation of strangers and travellers, and cannot be justified by any plea of necessity,

That those drinking houses are the schools of vice and crime, and lead many thousands of young men to drunkenness, crime and death.

These startling facts, we respectfully contend, demand the immediate and earnest attention of the Legislature, and the passage of an act, under the provisions of which the evils referred to may be removed, or at least brought within the reach of the people.

We, therefore, earnestly pray for the passage of a general law, to enable the qualified voters of any ward, borough or township within the State to determine by ballot, whether drinking houses may or may not be licensed within such districts, under existing law; and in all districts voting against such license, to prohibit the sale of such drinks, except for medicinal or mechanical purposes, under severe penalty.

By the passage of such an act, this question will at once be removed from the arena of partisan politics, and placed in the hands of the people themselves.

For the Pittsburgh Gazette.

THE FREEDMEN.

Ten years have greatly educated the North as well as the South. Another decade, if it shall accomplish as much towards elevating and securing the rights and privileges of the colored man as the past has done, will find him occupying, nearly equally with the whites, civil and social positions. Ten years ago you would hardly have seen, on the Sabbath, one of Africa's sons, however good and intelligent, seated in the pulpit, beside the pastor, in the beautiful First Presbyterian church in our city, as was the case last Sunday. There were the excellent pastor, Rev. H. Garnet, Mr. Wm. F. Mitchell, the devoted friend of the freedmen, and Rev. Mr. McClelland, the Secretary of the Presbyterian Freedmen's Board.

Mr. Mitchell, in his quiet and unassuming way, in simple yet exceedingly well chosen language, made a speech which, we venture to say, impressed favorably every person in his audience. All must have felt his earnestness and the vast importance of the cause he so well advocated. Throughout was to be seen the excellent spirit characterizing the sect to which he belongs. He commenced by referring to the grand sight which we had been permitted to witness, the reunion of two large and powerful divisions of the church. By this act the attention of the world had been arrested, not fixed. The public now were waiting to see what was to be done—to see the fruit. Had the church at this trial taken the step decidedly to oppose hereafter all wars and all strifes, then the whole world would have approved of the act and rejoiced in it. But as John Robinson said at Leyden, "God's truth treads not forth all at once." If the Presbyterian body could now take hold of and educate and christianize the colored people of the South they would accomplish a great and noble work—worthy of itself and the era which distinguishes it.

Reconstruction finds three classes of whites at the South. There were three before the war; (1) the kind and christian people; (2) the indifferent, who cared little for the colored people, if they only obtained as much as possible from them; and, (3) the cruel and wicked, who took pleasure in torturing them. The first class is increasing by the rapid combining with it of the second class, which, consequently, is disappearing, and the third class is gradually diminishing. In this state of things a correspondent had written from the South—Parker Pillsbury, we suppose—giving an account we consider wholly wrong, and saying all the South now needs is men and women. What the South does really want is not simply men and women, but christian men and christian women. We must send men and women there who will show the power and excellency of true religion—its gentle and forgiving spirit. Young men and women who will go to the South in this spirit of the Master—for the sole purpose of doing good—will have a powerful influence on the people. In 1867, while he was at Stevenson, Alabama, where there was great suffering of whites and blacks, the Young Men's Christian Association of Pittsburgh and the Economites sent money to him to relieve them. He called to his aid one representing each of the parties and took their lists of the needy, and distributed aid to the suffering regardless of party or color, purchasing equally of all the traders in the place. The influence of this course on the people then was great and good; so that a citizen told him "if the North would all treat us in this way they would kill all the enmity which exists." Such is the spirit now to be shown to this people, if we would win and save them.

The persons to be sent should be refined and cultivated; such will be appreciated and will be well received. They should not be such as have failed at the North. Persons who cannot succeed here, cannot succeed there. They should be also christian men and women. They should, too, be diligent and faithful, wholly devoted to their work, ignoring, so far as possible, politics. They should aim to remove the asperity which exists between the different classes. The colored children should be taught that "if they did formerly take off their hats to their masters because they were compelled to, now they should take off their hats because they could do as they please." He here showed the influence of a forgiving christian spirit on the people of the South, exhibited by a young lady teaching the colored children in East Tennessee. When her school house was burned and her scholars came together, she told them not to be angry with those who had committed the act, but to forgive them and pray for them. And when another building was erected on the same spot prominent rebels assisted in collecting money for it.

The christianity of the colored people of the South is being reconstructed. There is less of the boisterousness manner than there formerly was. Education and freedom are making men and women of adults who were children. They are more quiet and thoughtful than they were. They desire, almost universally, to read, that they may read the Bible. Shall we give them learning and religion? The Presbyterians can reconstruct the South and save the nation—will they do it?

Rev. HIGHLAND GARNET then spoke of the few difficulties there are to be encountered at the South in converting and saving the colored people. There is no infidelity there, no denying of the Divinity of Christ or the need of a change of heart. They are ready and eager to receive and embrace the truth. There are now fifty young men of color preparing for the ministry in the Presbyterian Church. He was listened to with much interest. Rev. Mr. MCLELLAND then gave an account of what had been done in five years, how the work was growing and the large sums the colored people out of their poverty were giving. Last year they gave more than one-third as much to carry on this work as his own organization at the North had given. The whole effect of these addresses cannot be other than to cause more present to think of this work, pray for it and give in aid of it. E.

The Louisville Bridge.

The work on the great railroad bridge over the Ohio is so far advanced that the engineers are confident on being able to open it for the passage of regular trains by December 15th. Construction trains, however, will be able to pass several days sooner.

The 400 feet span now rests on its permanent bearings, and is in every respect satisfactory to its engineers. This, by the way, is the longest span ever erected in America, the next less being the main span of the Victoria Bridge, at Montreal, Canada, which is 330 feet long, and the channel span of the Steubenville Bridge, 320 feet long. The span of truss is that known as the "triangular," one which has been extensively and successfully used by Mr. Fink, and has been in the present case specially arranged for this long span. The clear space above low water line under this span is 96½ feet, and above high water line 45½ feet; the total height from the rock bed of the river to the top of the upper chord of this span is 160 feet.

The total length of the iron superstructure is 5,289 feet, of which two spans are respectively 370 and 400 feet long. The middle and Indiana channels are "over grade" or "through;" the others, varying in length from 50 to 240 feet, are "under grade" or deck. The under grade portion is of the same plan known as Fink's Patent Suspension Truss—a plan that has been well and favorably known for over twenty years.

The total quantity of iron, wrought and cast, used in the construction of this great bridge, is 8,700,000 pounds, and the amount of timber, including rail, joist, cross ties and railway, will be 640,000 feet, board measure.—*Louisville Courier Journal.*

The Ohio Homicide.

Major McCurdy of Carlington, Ohio, shot his son, Thomas McCurdy, last Thursday, and killed him almost instantly. The Columbus *Statesman* says: "It seems that the son who was killed was born of the Major's first wife, and that he is now married to a third wife of the most reputable character. Suspicions were aroused as to his fidelity to his wife. The son sympathizing with his wronged stepmother, incurred the Major's displeasure. The matter culminated in a quarrel on Thursday, which resulted in a fight at the breakfast table after the old gentleman had asked a blessing. During the day he threatened to kill his son. Deeming it unsafe to live any longer with the family, Thomas left home with the intention of removing to Fort Wayne. Desiring to get some clothes which were left in his father's clothing store, he, fearing to enter, requested some of the neighbors to get them for him, alleging that his father had declared murderous intentions. No one seeming desirous of getting into trouble, he went to the store in person. The old man ordered him out. He remained firmly on the door step or sill, whereupon his father took a Smith & Wesson's revolver from a drawer, advanced to the door and immediately fired. The ball entered about six inches below the chin, cut the wind pipe and severed one of the arteries leading to the heart, causing death in ten minutes. Great excitement prevailed, and there was considerable danger of lynching the hoary headed murderer on the spot."

ONE of the New York reporters has had an interview with Henry Ward Beecher in regard to his connection with the Richardson-McFarland scandal, and the following conversation ensued:

REPORTER—May I ask the history of your connection with the Richardson-McFarland case?

MR. BEECHER—It is very simple. I was requested to marry Richardson to Mrs. McFarland by my intimate friend, Horace Greeley. In order to give his request as much weight as possible, and being unable to call on me personally, he sent to me his associate, Mrs. Calhoun, of the *Tribune*, with a letter of introduction, indorsing her to the fullest extent, and stating that she was fully cognizant of all the facts of the case. I listened to Mrs. Calhoun attentively, and she not only assured me that Richardson's conduct had been blameless, but that Mrs. McFarland was a woman so spotless that it was almost a mockery to praise her; a devout, pure woman as ever breathed. She assured me that these two loved each other dearly, and that there was no reason, earthly or heavenly, that these two should not be united, particularly, under the circumstances of the case.

THE FASHIONS.

The Fashion writer of the New York *Tribune* thus writes for December:

For evening dress the colors in use are water-green, heavenly blue of different shades, Imperatrice, lilac, canary, corn color, rose coral, pure rose, *buerre fraiche*, and a light *cuir*, called skin color. A brilliant carmine shade is found magnificent by gaslight, and a light reddish purple, like intense fiery amethyst. There is a soft light about these shades which requires the semi-transparency of lace alone to complete the refinement. The colored fringes and heavy trimmings are reserved for dinner and reception toilets of the stronger tints, scarlet, coral, Lucier, violine, and golden orange.

Pouit de soie and satin, with *crepe de chine* over dresses are in the first mode as materials for evening toilet. Tulle composes lighter costumes; and organdy is used for very young ladies. Brocaded stripes and moires with plain pouit de soies are in order for evening dresses. White *tafettas glace* with two-inch stripes of gay brocaded garlands are $6 50 a yard; White silk, with stripe of plush and satin in scroll work is $5 a yard. It comes with stripes of light blue rose color and canary. Moires are from $5 to $13 a yard. *Gros d' Imperatrice* is a white silk, much admired for bridal dresses; it has thick, shining cords on the surface, heavier than velours, $18 per yard. Satin d' Hollande is much preferred, for ball costumes, to the heavy satins; the face is finer than ordinary, and the goods are reversible, the back showing the surface of a heavy silk, a shade darker than the satin. Price $8.

The heart-shaped and Raphael corsages are the style, cut very low in front and behind, with lace chemisettes. The pointed corsage is seen as well as the round one. Basques are made for dinner dresses. Sleeves come half way below the elbow, with deep lace frill, and are sometimes extended with puffings of tulle to the wrist. The shoulder strap is no longer worn by ladies of good style. The medieval sleeve with elbow puff is becoming only to long arms. Trains are shortened; the regulation length is 65 inches. The width for a skirt for a full dress is 5½ yards. The front is gored, and the two sides widths; two back breadths are plain. This is for yard wide material. Long round tunics are now in lieu of panniers, and the hat with which they are looped tests the skill of the modiste. Louis Quinze over-skirts, looped high in the center behind, falling in long wings on the laps, are suitable for reception dress of rich silk over velvet. The fancy prevails of looping the sides and trimming them in different fashions. One side is raised in a puff, the other falls in drapery.

Trimmings of material in the shape of pinked pleatings, self fringes, and quillings are chosen as the alternative of thread lace, black and white, moss fringe, feather bands, and white bullion with gold mixed and sparingly used. Later in the season passementerie will be very much in vogue. This is given on the authority of the first modiste of the city. Marabout fringes are effective on crepe, and ostrich bands are occasionally used as headings for lace.

The fan and gloves are points of fashion now. As to the latter, it is a new shade for evening, the water-green, which is almost lavender by gas light, with shades of straw buff and creamy buff, rose color, and the white wedding glove with silver buttons and crimped fringe. Gloves with three, four, and six studs are worn, the latter equaling the French glove with ten buttons in length. By a mechanical attachment the studs are made more secure than any button can be. Yellow, salmon, and absinthe are shades for dinner gloves. Egyptian or silver color is fine wear for opera or ceremonial visits. The newest fans are deeper in the center, and appear pointed when closed. In the open view the ivory sticks extend outside of the satin, and have a very pretty effect. Black silk embroidered with gold, with gold sticks over the silk, tinted plush, entire pearl and ivory fans carved like lace, gold open work over black silk, and pointed ivory, are among the styles. The lacquet sticks in scarlets are pretty with bizarre toilets.

Chrysophrase is the jewel fancied at present. Its variety makes it esteemed more than its pale opaline green tint, which shows the two shades—sea green and a deeper tint. Its rarest color is like a pearl boiled in sea water. Oblong square shapes of precious stones are fancied. A rich set was shown in heavy solid setting, pierced, with cameo figures on the face. The bracelet was Diana with her bow; the square sleeve button bore the head of Mary Stuart. A cinque cento design, with setting of Roman and bright gold, with brilliants twinkling in the rims, and pendants, was beautiful as dew-jewelry.

H. W. Beecher As a Moralist.

At the funeral of Richardson, the victim of the McFarland tragedy at New York, Rev. H. W. Beecher made the following address, which has created an intense sensation:

"If I believed that this man had broken down the garden walls and plucked the fairest flower of a neighbor's garden, and that he was struck dead in the heat of this moral crime, I should have no word to say. But silence would add one more to those troubles that have fallen upon him, and I do not mean to be silent, but to join myself to the number of those who believe this man to be a true man, and that in his past sad history he behaved himself morally, demeaning himself so that his conscience was true before God, as I trust his name will be one day before men. I can not bear witness to his private words from my own personal knowledge. I knew him without being acquainted with him, but those who were most intimate with him, and who counseled with him step by step, both men and women who are themselves virtuous and above reproach, testify that both he and she who is left to mourn his absence have always lived in a prudential manner; that they behaved in the main virtuously and rightly; that they did not violate those canons of morality which are and should be, as they always have been, dear to the Christian heart of the community; and believing, therefore, in the substantial integrity and virtue of his course, I was called, and with alacrity came at his bidding, but a day or two before he died. I went often to the Throne of Grace during the anguish of my country's trial with these men who stood by her most faithfully, and I vowed that they should be my brothers, and that as long as I lived, come what might, if they carried themselves faithfully toward my native land, they should not lack a friend in me. There were two classes engaged in that rebellion—those who were in the field, and those who kept up the heart and spirit of the country at home. Among the latter he occupied a foremost place, and did his work nobly and well, and I am willing to stand by his side in this hour of darkness and disrepute if it needs be. For, my friends, how strange, in this hour, that you and I see that death settles all enmities in ordinary cases; death reconciles bitterest foes. But here is a case where death creates enemies, and leaves no peace even in the grave. The lion is in his strength, and in his own fastness is able to defend himself. But no sooner has the cruel arrow of the hunisman laid him low than he is set upon by every vile thing, every fly, every crawling thing. Now that he is down, fresh flies are all around about him, and death, that is to most men a truce to old enmities, is the very erranging of the battle against him. It is a shame, a sorrow and a disgrace that it should be so. All the more need is there, therefore, that those who know him, and knew that he was a pure and true man should in this hour stand fearlessly for his integrity, and should not let her who bears his name, go down in darkness and trouble in reason of the misapprehensions and slanders that have fallen upon him. He cares no more for it himself; but oh, there are children who bear his name; there is the house which must loving much suffer much, and there are faithful friends who are witnesses of his integrity. For their sakes we stand here to-day. Not for a felon, but for a man worthy to be honored. In taking my farewell of such a dear friend, I ask you as his friends, and God as his judge, to be his witnesses."

It is asserted by responsible persons who have read the intercepted letters of Richardson to Mrs. McFarland, which are now in the hands of Mr. John Graham, counsel for McFarland, that others, besides Richardson, were in the plot to alienate the affections of Mrs. McFarland from her husband, and break up the family of the latter. It is asserted that two married women, one of them occupying a conspicuous social position, are referred to in Richardson's own handwriting as "capital intriguers," who are helping him. The contents of these letters will be made public on the trial of the prisoner.

The Ninth Census.

The bill submitted by Mr. Stokes from the House Census Committee, among other things provides for a general superintendent and census bureau, to be located at Washington. It provides that the census, instead of being taken by United States Marshals, as heretofore, shall be placed in charge of district superintendents, one in each Congressional District, to be appointed by the President. Each district superintendent is empowered to employ as many enumerators as may be necessary to take the census within the time fixed by the bill, viz. between the 1st and 13th of June. Provisions are made in the bill for a more careful collection of all facts regarding commercial, agricultural, manufacturing, fishing, mining, and, indeed, all industrial and material interests of the country. Statistics are to be gathered regarding educational, religious, social, reformatory, and criminal matters, and everything that affects society. In regard to the appointment of representation the committee have left the number of representatives blank, although the number three hundred was talked of. This was upon the estimate of one for every 133,000 inhabitants, the present number being one for every 128,000. The bill has been prepared with great care, in view of the fact that Congress and the people are looking to the coming census, following as it does a period of tremendous internal commotion, with more interest than upon any previous occasion. The schedules which accompany the bill are numerous, embracing all branches of industry and social interests, and have formed a large part of the labors of the committee.

AT A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company, held a few days since, a resolution was adopted, that no officer or employee of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad shall have or hold an interest in any other railroad, express, or transportation company, manufacturing, coal mine, steel or iron works, furnace company, or any other kind of business which contributes to the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company, unless by the unanimous permission of the Board of Directors. We wonder if the Directors want to monopolize all that sort of little private arrangements.

RUPTURE AND HERNIA.

The condition of persons afflicted with rupture is one that ought to receive immediate attention and care, for the reason that no one can tell when or how soon it may pass into an incurable or irremediable state.

Many persons are ruptured that for a long time are not aware of the fact, so that months and oftentimes years pass away without their seeking the necessary relief. So, on the other hand, many persons suppose themselves ruptured when they are not, and apply trusses of ill construction, which, in nine cases out of ten, do more harm than good.

No one need have any doubt about rupture, if they will do what they should to satisfy themselves upon the subject. DR. KEYSER, at his Great Medical Store and at his office, No. 167 Liberty street, has investigated the subject in all its bearings, and is fully up to the highest standard of science in that department of mechanical surgery; and our readers cannot apply to an abler surgeon in that department in the United States. The Doctor has now been engaged in medicine in its various departments, for a period of nearly thirty-five years, and is supplied with every sort of Truss that may be needed for the relief or cure of ruptured persons. The Doctor has given the subject of Hernia, as well as chronic diseases of the various kinds, the most sedulous attention and study, and has succeeded in some of the most intricate and difficult cases known to the medical art. He says that scarcely a day passes without an application of a truss, and it is really a wonder that so many persons go unprotected when complete relief could be had at a reasonable rate.

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The desire to capitalize the premium which may now be realized upon Five-Twenty bonds, and which a material decline in Gold toward par, and the ability of the Government to fund them at a lower rate of interest, may at any time extinguish, is held by many holders who desire some satisfactory assurance as to which of the many low priced securities in the market would afford the necessary safety to justify an exchange.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 8, 1869.

The advance of Government bonds received a check to-day, by the advancing tendency of gold and the decreased demand of bonds by foreign bankers. When the President's message and the report of Mr. Boutwell were telegraphed, large unlimited orders were received for the purchase of bonds from Europe, on the supposition that greenbacks would approach nearer the gold value, and that perhaps gold would sell at less than 120 per cent., the cases being reversed bonds may react.

Gold opened at 122 before the board, and sold rapidly up to 123⅝, declining to 123½, and closing at 123⅞@124, with a dull business.

It is generally conceded that gold will advance during the present month, yet the speculative movement is confined to a very limited number who hold gold at high prices, and of course are anxious to see it higher. Whatever the people may be regarding the financial question, one fact must not be overlooked, as far as regards the future price of gold, namely, the large disbursements of January next and the disposition of foreign bond holders to reinvest in our securities. If bonds advance in Europe, gold must decline with at least 50 millions in the New York Banks, for which there is absolutely no use for some time to come. Should gold go lower before the orders for the spring trade are given, we may then look for increased imports of luxuries, also iron, steel, silks and other textiles, which may again lead to exports of specie and an advance on the gold premium.

The very buoyant under the firm feeling in gold, but the outside public does not seem to take any interest in present proceedings in Wall Street. The general impression prevails that stocks must go lower, with lower gold premium, and the chances of finding employment for capital in others remunerative industrial undertakings. Money very scarce

Quotations as received by Ph. R. Mertz: Gold, 123⅞; Silver, 121; Eighty-one's, 118¾; Five Twenties, 1862, 115; do 1863, 112¾; do 1865, 113; do 1865, Conn., 118¾; do 1867, 115¾; do 1868, 115¾; Ten Forties, 108⅝; Adams Express Company 60; Merchants Union Express Company, 93½; American Express Company, 59½; Western Union Telegraph, 85; Reading, 99½; New York Central, 213½; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 88; Ohio & Mississippi, 25¾; Michigan Southern, 87; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 82½; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, 107; Chicago & North Western, 72½; Chicago & North Western Preferred 86½; Erie, 26¾.

EXCHANGE.	*Large.*	*Small.*
London, per £	$6.05	$6.20
Paris, per franc	23¼	14¾
Berlin, thaler	92	94
Frankfort, florins	93	94

—Closing quotations received by James T. Brady & Co. Gold: 123⅛; United States Sixes, 1881, 118½; Five-Twenties, 1862, 115; do. 1864, 112¾; do. 1865, 113; Ten-Forties, 108½; Five-Twenties, January and July, 1865, 115¾; do. do. 1867, 115¾; do. do. 1868, 115¾; Union Pacific Railroad, 88; Central do, do, 99; Cy. Pacific, 103; Lake Superior 96.

(By the Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph.)

NEW YORK, December 8, 1869.

Money active and steady at 6@7. Discounts dull at 10@12. The banks with Western connections are doing considerable in the way of rediscounting commercial paper based on hog packing operations. Reports say that the next St. Paul dividend, which, however, will not be made till January, will be 7 per cent. each, and 3 per cent. scrip on the preferred and 4 per cent. cash and 6 per ct. scrip on the common. Sterling dull and nearly at 8⅜@8⅝. Gold active and higher but closed quiet; opened at 123¾, touched 124, and closed at 123⅝. Carrying rates 6@7. Clearances twenty-nine million.

Governments dull, and a fraction lower; closing steady. Coupons, 81s, 18¼@18½; do 65s, 15¼@15⅝; do 64s, 12⅝@13; do 62s, 13¼@13⅜; new, 15⅛@15⅜; do 65's, 15⅛@15⅜; do 67's, 15⅝@15⅞. Ten-Forties, 88@88¾; Pacifics, 7⅞@8.

Sub-treasurer bought two millions at 112⅝@112 45-100 ex interest.

State bonds lower in new Tennessees and North Carolinas, the former rolling down to 42½, and the latter to 79; Missouris, 90; old Tennessee, 56½.

Stocks higher, closing firm. Canton, 79½; Cumberland, 29¾; Western Union Telegraph, 85½; Quicksilver, 24; Marposa, 8; preferred, 16½; Adams Express, 60; Wells & Fargo, 47½; American Express, 60; United States, 51; Pacific Mail, 52; New York Central, 213½; Erie, 26¾; do preferred, 47; Harlem, 135½; Hudson River Scrip, 83½; Reading, 99¾; Michigan Central, 120½; Lake Shore, 89½; Illinois Central, 133½; Pittsburgh, 82½; Northwestern, extra dividend, 82½; do. preferred 85½; Rock Island, 92½; St Paul 72½; pref. 86½; Wabash 67; preferred 72; Fort Wayne, 87½; Terre Haute, 26½; Chicago & Alton, 144; do preferred, 144; Ohio & Mississippi, 25¾; St. Joseph, 108; do pref. 108½; C. C. C. & Ind., 22¾.

Mining shares dull. Boston prices: Caimed, 50; Hecla, 75; Quincy, 10.

Sub Treasury balance, $90,311,744.

PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, December 8, 1869.

The market has again flattened out somewhat and, compared with yesterday and the day preceding, both crude and refined are lower. With the exception of this month, there is little or nothing doing, as there seems to be but little disposition to either buy or sell any other delivery at present quotations; and, as noted yesterday, operators, generally seem disposed to confine their operations to this year as much as possible, and as there is not much of it left now, it is probable that some of them will have all they can do to finish up the year's business in the allotted time.

Some 20,000 bbls of oil, it is said, have reached here on the present rise and there is more than double that amount enroute. Private and reliable advices from Oil City report that between 45,000 and 50,000 bbls have been started from that point for this market, and it is probable, had it have been for the freshet carrying the pipes away, that the estimate we noted the other day, would have been fully realized, 84,000 bbls.

Five Pittsburgh Oil firms had their Philadelphia offices destroyed by the fire in the Commercial Exchange on Tuesday. These firms, Messrs. Waring, King & Co., F. A. Dilworth, Warden, Frew & Co., Tack Bro's. and Wm. P. Logan & Bros., lost their office furniture, valued at between four and five thousand dollars, but, if we are correctly informed, had all their valuable papers and most of their books shut up in their fire proof safes which were uninjured. Considering the present state of the oil market, it is especially fortunate that these records and papers were not destroyed, as an immense amount of confusion has thus been avoided.

CRUDE.

But a single sale reported, 1,000 bbls seller first half of next year at 14. Seller this month, which opened up yesterday at 16½, and closed at 16, was offered to day at 15⅝@16—one straight lot of 10,000 bbls was offered at 16 without finding a buyer. It is possible this may have been thrown out for effect, but that it was really offered and refused we have no reason to doubt.

REFINED.

Sale 1,000 December at 32¾, subsequently 500 at 32½, against sales on Tuesday at 33, showing a decline of ¼ to ½. January and February offered at 32½, against 32¾, yesterday. Market quiet and weaker.

OIL SHIPPED EAST DUQUESNE DEPOT.

A. D. Miller 60 bbls refined oil to Waring, King & Co., Phila.

J. S. Ramsey 15 bbls refined oil to W. Wagner, Philadelphia.

Fleming & Co. 59 bbls refined oil to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.

Total ..... 124 bbls

SHIPMENTS OF OIL BY A. V. R. R.

Lockhart, Frew & Co. 232 bbls ref. oil to Warden, F. & Co., Phila.

B. W. Morgan & Co., 293 bbls ref. oil to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.

Forsyth Bro. & Co. 410 bbls refined to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.

McKelvy Bros., 591 bbls refined oil to W. P. Logan & Bro., Philadelphia.

Fawcett, L. & S. 150 bbls ref. oil to W. P. Logan & Bro., Philadelphia.

Total ..... 1,353 bbls.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 8, 1869.

The markets in a general way, are devoid of anything new or important, nothing at least deserving of special notice. We can report a moderate local demand for most of the leading commodities and a fair volume of business in the aggregate, while in regard to values there are no essential changes. Some kinds of Grain, including corn and oats, are better inquired for, tending upward in consequence of a temporary scarcity, and there seems to be a rather stronger feeling in regard to Flour, and there are not a few who contend that the bottom has been touched and that prices are more likely to advance than decline, though, at the same time, nobody has confidence enough in this to invest money in flour, and hold on speculation. The produce business continues moderately active, with a steady demand for Butter, Eggs, etc., etc., and as a general thing prices are pretty well sustained.

APPLE BUTTER—Quoted at 7@8$.

APPLES—The demand continue light and the market is dull though prices are unchanged, at $2@3 per bbl.

BUTTER—Is in moderate demand for prime but common and inferior is dull; sales of the former at 33@35, and choice at 36@37.

BROOM CORN—Sales at 12@14 cts.

BEANS—In fair demand with sales at $2,60@3,00 for fair to good and, $3¼ for choice.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—4@4¼ cts.

CHESTNUTS—$4,50@5.

CRANBERRIES—Quoted at $12@15 per bbl, as to quality and condition.

CIDER—Sales all the way from $5 to $9 per bbl.

CHEESE—Is quoted from 17 to 18 for Western Reserve; 19 for Factory; 20 for Ohio and 21 for New York Cohen.

CARBON OIL—Is quiet and unchanged. Crude is nominally quoted at 29½@30 cts, in a jobbing way.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples steady with sales at 7½@8¼, as to quality. Peaches dull; sale of 2,000 lbs prime southern halves at 10¾; quarters may be quoted at 9.

EGGS—Unchanged—though the demand as might be expected, is very limited at present quotations, 38@40c.

FEATHERS—In better demand and higher, and we now quote at 85@90 to the trade and the usual advance for small lots in store.

FLOUR—The market is, if anything more active, and, possibly, a shade stronger, though prices are unchanged, and the supply is fully up to the requirements of the trade. We continue to quote winter wheat flours at 7,25@6.

GROCERIES—The grocery market is more active, the resumption of navigation having increased the demand considerably, with no change in values—Sugars, possibly, are a shade firmer. Following are the ruling quotations:

SUGARS—S H, 10¼@10⅝; Havana 12@13; Cuba, 11 5/8@13; Porto Rico, 12½@13⅝; Demarara, 11¼@11¾; New Orleans, 11¾; Orleans Sugar, 14@14½; for choice: Refined Ex. C, 15; B, 15¼; A, 15½; Hard, 16¼.

MOLASSES—New Crop New Orleans Molasses, 83; Porto Rico, 65@75.

SYRUPS—White Honey Drips, $1,05; Silver Drips, 90c; Perfection Drips, 75; Golden Syrup, 90c; Reserving, 90; 75; Golden 75; Amber, 60; Common, 50; Booth & Edgar fancy, $1,10.

COFFEE—Fair to Good Rio, 20@21½; Prime, 22@23; Choice, 24@24½.

RICE—Carolina, 8c; Rangoon, 8¼c.

TEAS—Young Hyson, $1,00@1,50; G. P., $1,10 to 1,90; Imperial, $1,40 to 1,80. Oolong, 85 to $1,45. Sou Chong, 90c to $1,50.

STARCH—Pearl, 7; Silver Gloss, 11¼c, and Corn Starch, 12c.

CONCENTRATED LYE—$8,25 per case.

FRUITS—New Layer Raisins, $5 per box; Prunes, 13¼c; Currants 15c; Valencia Raisins 17@19.

SPICES—Cassia, 70c; Cloves, 50c; grain Pepper, 36 Allspice, 33c; Nutmegs, $1,50.

BAR LEAD—12c; Shot, $3,00 per bag.

SOAPS—"Babbit's," 12c. "Oakely's," 10c; Rosin, 5; "Dobbin's," 15c; WAX, 30c; Chem. Olive, 8½c.

CANDLES—Mould, 15c; Star, 23c.

BI CARB SODA—$6½ per 100.

FISH—Lake Herring per half bbl 3,00; White Fish do do, 7,00. No. 1 Mackrel Shore in bbls $28,00; No. 2 do do, bbls, $17,00; No. 3 do Large bbls $14,00; Half bbls 37½ in additional; Labrador Herring $10½@11.

GRAIN—The offerings of wheat, in this market continue very light, which is accounted for in the fact that there is no margin for dealers, and many are not disposed to handle it for nothing; we continue to quote good to prime Red at $1,15@1.18. Oats scarce and holders, pretty generally, are asking higher prices, say 60c on wharf and track—we are reported a sale of 1,700 bushels, recently, at 49. Corn also is very scarce and in demand and higher; we now quote prime new crop at 75@80. Rye is dull and nominal at 95c@$1. Barley is dull, though the arrivals are falling off considerably; $1@1,10 for Spring, and $1 15@1.20 for fall.

HAY—Is not coming so freely in consequence of the bad condition of the road, and prices are higher, ranging from $15 to $24 per ton.

HOGS—Sales of dressed Hogs at 12@14 cts—mainly at 12½@13.

HUSKS—Sales at 3 cents per pound.

HOMINY—Sales at $5,00@5,50 per bbl.

LIME—Sales of Cleveland white lime at $2@2.25 per bbl.

ONIONS—Sales at $2,50@3,00 per bbl, the outside figure for choice.

LARD OIL—Firm at $1.50 for Extra No. 1.

POULTRY—Demand more active and market firmer; we now quote dressed Chickens at 12@14 cts, and dressed Turkeys at 15@17.

POTATOES—May be quoted on track at 60 cts. in bulk, and 55c sacked.

PEA NUTS—Quoted at 9@10 cts.

PEAS—Dull; $2,50 per bushel.

PROVISIONS—Bacon Shoulders, at 17; and Sugar Cured Hams, at 23. Lard is firmer and higher, and we now quote at 19½ in tierces, and 20½@21 in pails.

SEEDS—Flaxseed is offering pretty freely and there are no buyers above $2¼—sale 1 car at that figure. No movement in Clover or Timothy Seed.

SALT—Allegheny river brands quoted at $2 for small lots in store.

STRAW—Sales at $12 per ton.

WHISKY—Highwines quoted at $1.03 @$1,05; Rectified $1,05; and Proof, do, $1,15.

Live Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, December 8.—Arrivals of cattle, 1,530. The market is good at Monday's prices, or a shade stronger. All were sold. Some very fine bullocks brought 10c, with 10@17½c, 60 lb per cwt; sales were from 14@15½c, with poorest at 11@12c; the average quality was good. Sheep advanced ½@¾c from Monday; very poor lots of 53 lbs sold at 4¾c, 95 lbs Canadas sold at 7¼c; arrivals 6,820; all sold. Hogs weaker; 29 cars in; they are quoted at 10@10¾c; dressed sell at 13½c; weste, a dressed 13¾c.

Dry Goods.—NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The market continues languid, but neverthless steady, and it is anticipated to report an advance of ⅛c per yard on Atlantic A and Pacific extra heavy brown sheetings, which we quote at 16@15½c respectively.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, December 8.—Cotton market steady; sales 330 bales at 25½c for middling uplands. Flour: receipts were 17,610 bbls; market heavy and strongly in buyer's favor; sales 12,600 bbls at $4,65@5 for superfine State and western; $5,25@6,25, extra State; $5,20@6,25, extra western; $6,10@6,45, white wheat extra; $5,50@6,25, round hoop Ohio; $5,75@6,60, extra St. Louis; $6,50@9, good choice do., closing quiet; included in the sales were 6,000 bbls extra State, part last evening, for export. Rye Flour dull; sales 250 bbls at $4,75@5,90. Corn Meal quiet. Whisky declining; sales 400 bbls western at $1,04@1,05 for free, closing at $1,04. Wheat: receipts were 3,087 bush; market dull and 1c lower; sales 45,000 bush at $1,25½ for No. 1 spring; $1,23@1,36, winter red and amber western; $1,35@, amber State; $1,25@1,28, No. 2 spring. Rye quiet. Barley in fair request; sales 34,000 bush at $1,08@1,10 for two-rowed State, latter price on short time; $1,28@1,32 for Canada West. Barley Malt quiet. Receipts—corn, 1,620 bush. Corn dull and heavy, with sales 53,000 bush at $1,06@1,08 for unsound mixed western, $1,08@1,11 for sound, $1,16 for western yellow; and $1 for new mixed western. Receipts—oats, 62,474 bush. Oats heavy, with sales 34,000 bush at 63@64c for western, latter price for choice; 66@65½c for State. Rice quiet. Coffee quiet, with sales 700 bags Rio on private terms. Sugar quiet, with sales 26 hhds Cuba at 11@11¾c. Molasses dull; sales 400 bbls Orleans at 72@78c. Petroleum quiet at 38@38½c for crude and 32½@32¾c for refined. Hops dull at 18@27c for American. Coal: domestic selling at $6 2½@7,25 per cargo; foreign quiet. Leather: hemlock sole quiet at 30@31c for American. Wool very quiet, with sales 150,000 lbs at 47@52 for domestic fleece, and 42@43 for pulled. Linseed Oil dull, with sales at 92@94c. Spirits of Turpentine heavy at 43@44c. Sheathing copper steady at 32c. Ingot copper dull and declining at 21½@22½c for Lake superior. Pig iron steady and quiet at 33@36c for Scotch and 37@40c for American. Bar dull at 8c for English and American. Sheet dull at 10¾@11½c gold for Russia. Nails steady at 5¾c for cut, 6¼c for cmmon and 7½@8c for finishing. Tin dull; steady with sales of 280 bbls $32,25@32,50 for new mess, $33@33,25 for old do, $23,50@24 for prime, and $27,50@30 for prime mess, also sales of 500 bbls new mess seller Jany. and Feb. at $32, and 100 bbls of new mess seller Dec., deliverable in Chicago at $31,50. Beef steady with sales 175 bbls at $6@13 for new plain mess, $10@.7 for new extra mess. Tierce beef steady, sales 700 tcs at $25@28 for prime mess, and $27@30 for India mess; beef hams quiet, with sales of 100 bbls at $30@31 for new and old. Prime mess pork, sales of 80 pkgs at 12@13c for shoulders, and 17c for hams; middles quiet and unchanged, with sales of 200 boxes western short ribbed at 16¾c; dressed hogs dull at 13@13¾c for western; lard dull, with sales of 1,000 tcs at 18@19c for steam and 19@19⅜c for kettle rendered, also sales 500 tierces steam rendered, seller January, on private terms; butter dull at 27@30c for Ohio. Cheese dull at 16@17½c. Freights to Liverpool quiet and heavy.

CHICAGO, December 8.—Flour closed slightly in buyers' favor, with a moderate export and home trade demand for medium and good common grades. Wheat heavy and 1c lower, with a limited export demand. Rye dull and heavy at $1,01,05 for western. Oats dull and heavy at 62½@63½c for western. Corn dull and heavy, $1 07@1,10 for round mixed western. Pork quiet, without decided change; mess, January and February, $32. Feed steady, with a moderate demand. Lard quiet and steady. Bacon in fair request and steady. Hogs dull and quiet, 18½@19c for good to prime steam. Eggs firm, 38@41c for fresh, and 32@33c for limed western.

CHICAGO, December 8.—Exchange firm, par@1-10 per cent. premium. Flour quiet; prices favor buyers; demand principally for small lots spring extras, for which sales ranged $3,75@5. Wheat dull and 1@1½c lower; sales at 80@80c for No. 1, 86¼@87¼c for No. 2, closing dull at 87c for the latter for future delivery; prices also easier; 87½@87⅝c seller month, 88¼@88⅝c seller November, 87¼@87½c seller last half do, and 85¾@86c seller January; during the afternoon the market was dull; 87c seller December, 88¼c seller January. Corn weaker and 1@1½c lower, No. 2 closing at 77½@78c for No. 2, closing at 77½@78c for No. 2 principal operations in the latter for future delivery; sales were made at 72½@74¾c seller month, 73@73¾c seller last half Dec., 74½@74¾c seller January. Oats quiet and slightly lower at 40½@41c for No. 2; optional trading was at 40¾@41c seller month; 41@41¼c seller January. Rye in light demand and prices nominal at 77c for No. 1, and 75@76 for No. 2, closing dull at 74c. Barley dull and nominal at 80@82c for No. 2. Highwines, nominally at $1,03@1,04.

LOUISVILLE, December 8.—Cotton unchanged. Hogs quiet, 9@9½c gross; killed, 4,303. Tobacco buoyant; sales of 74 hhds at 6¾@8¼c for rags, 9@10¾c for common to good leaf. Whisky firm, at $1.

CLEVELAND, December 8.—Petroleum market is firm and unchanged for refined; 25½@25¾c in large lots, 32@33 for small lots for the retail trade; crude firm, held at 16,60 per barrel.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD, December 8.—2 cars pig iron, Graff, Bunnett & Co; 5 cars gray warm ore, Shoenberger, B & Co; 3 do lake sup ore, McKnight, Porter & Co; 2 do jackson ore, Singer, Nimick & Co; 3 do lake sup ore, Zug & Co; 2 do jackson ore, Dilworth, Porter & Co; 2 do lake sup ore, Jas Wood & Co; 1 car do do, Coleman, Rahm & Co; 2 cars limestone ore, Brown & Reed Iron Co; 1 do lake sup ore, Union Iron mills, 1 do lumber, R A Clark & Co; 21 bbls, 2 masses copper, Pitts & Boston Man'fg Co; 8 cars bi.lets, Nimick & Co; 1 do lumber, McEwen Bro's; 100 bbls lime, 5 bbls oil, W B Hayes; 10 pkgs sewing machines, Grover & Baker; 10 bbls oil, J H Parker; 3 do do, Drape & R; 3 bdls, 1 bx copper, 2 bbls brass, J Benedict; 5 bbls steel, 1 bbl scrap iron, American Steel Co; 7 bxs butter, 35 bbls apples, 10 do apple butter, 10 bbls dry fruit, Voigt, Mahr & Co; 10 barn shellers, W W Knox; lot lumber, J M Seibert; 10 bbls hickory nuts, S Devol; 71 do potatoes, H Rea Jr; 20 bbls brown, Struntz & W; 42 bbls cider, 1 bbls apple butter, Keil & Ritchart; 32 bbls apples, 5 do cider, A Middlecwart; 18 do apple, D Snyder; 10 bbls rye flour, P Duff & Son.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD, December 8.—1 car barley, Gilmore, Scraub & Co; 2 do oats, D R Herron; 10 tcs lard, no consignee; 320 bbls broom handles, McElroy & Co; 1 car scrap iron, J Hammond; 2 bbls onions, F G Craighead; 58 bgs barley, J M Carson; 3 bbls eggs, J A Graff, 52 bbls turkeys, Sam Cooper; 20 bxs starch, W Millar & Co. 45 do do, W Cooper; 100 tcs lard, F Sellers & Co; 4 cars staves, Hastings & Davis; 2 do do, Lewis Walters; 1 car metal, Loomis & Collard; 1 car dried peaches Hitchcock, McCreery & Co; 34 bales broom corn, 200 bbls flour, Seghmyer & Voskamp; 1 car staves, M P Adams Bro.

PITTSBURGH FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD, December 8.—200 bbls flour, T C Jenkins; 200 sks barley, Pier, Dannels & Co; 100 bbls flour, Culp & Shepard; 25 do do, L J Blanchard; 10 bbls eggs, W H Graff & Co; 22 dressed hogs, D Byers; 24 bbls highwines, Robt Woods & Co; 100 bbls flour, 400 bxs cheese, Watt, Lang & Co; 100 do do, Schoenker & L; 1 car barley, Spencer & McKay; 10 bales hops, Geo Lang; 10 do do, Gilmore, S & Co; 10 do do, H Whilhelm; 5 organs, C Blume. 18 bxs veast, J A Roushaw; 20 bales hops, L S Selden; 10 do do, J A Shafer; 100 bbls rags, Godfrey & Clark; 10 bales hops, Stevens & Smith; 10 do do, Heckman & Co; 88 oil bbls, M P Adams & Bro; 20 bgs flour, Campbell & C; 25 bbls highwines, R C Lyon; 1 car stone, J Hinchcliff.

ALLEGHENY STATION December 8.—2 cars wheat, Kennedy Bro; 106 sks oats, 46 do barley, 100 bbls flour, 7 do bbls wheat flour, R Knox & Son; 4 cars metal, 2 do ore, Lewis, Bailey & Dalzell; 3 cars cooperage, Ralya & Robertson; 5 cars barley, Gilmore, Straub & Co; 2 cars corn, F Altawater; 8 bbls cider, Fred Owens; 60 sks oats, Rose & Ewing; 5 dressed hogs, Filppley & Beckert; 4 sks cheese, B Jenny.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD, December 8.—1 dresser hay, L J Blanchard; 1 do do, Paul & Gibson; 1 car metal, Brown & Co; 2 bxs butter, Head & M; 35 hides, E D Weister; 10 clover seed, W M Gormley; 2 bbls tallow, G Hasles; 15 hides, C Hammett & Son; 1 box poultry, Dilworth, H & Co; 30 sks oats, A W McMath.

RIVER NEWS.

The river continue to recede steadily at this point, with seven feet in the channel by the Monongahela marks last evening. The weather has again moderated, the thermometer at 4 P. M. being up to 35 against 28 same time on Tuesday.

The St. Charles, from Cincinnati is due to-night, and will return to-morrow at 4 P. M.

The Diamond sunk two of her barges on Sunday by coming in contact with one of the piers of the bridge at Parkersburgh. They belonged to the Hays Coal Company.

Business still holds out well at the landing, and boats are getting about all the freight they can conviently handle.

Tee New State from Wheeling, and Bello from Parkersburgh, arrived and departed as usual.

The Hollywood Boaz struck a barge loaded with brick, belonging to Ben Laughlin, against the bridge at Belair on Tuesday, and, of course, it sunk, and the Resolute lost a coke boat at the same place, in the same manner and on the same trip.

The towboat Sampson which met with such an accident the other day, was repaired somewhat at Steubenville, and she was expected to arrive here last night.

The R. C. Gray, after an absence of several weeks has reached this port again, and as will be seen by card, is announced for St. Louis forthwith. Since she was here last she has been repaired and overhauled and nicely repainted, and looks like another boat. Capt. Isaac Wallbaker is still in command with Capt. Wm. Anderson in the office.

It is probable that the New State may be withdrawn from the Pittsburgh and Wheeling trade, and placed in the Wheeling and Parkersburg, in place of the Island Queen, which is to go with the Sallie, Capt. Thos. S. Calheun, is filling up rapidly and will be the ready to leave for New Orleans this evening.

Says the Cincinnati *Commercial*, of Tuesday: "The tow-boat Fleetwood yesterday morning the tow-boat Fleet, with a large tow of loaded coal barges, belonging to the Kanawha Coal Co., ran against the center pier-dam of the Newport flight, which has been under water within the last week, and broke off the upper portion of the dam, and, we learn, causing one of the barges to sink. The parties having the work in charge have had a signal flat anchored over the dangerous obstruction until Sunday evening, when it was found safe for repairs—its absence causing the accident. We also clip the following from the same paper: Capt. Dan Moore, arrived here yesterday on the St. Charles, and got to Madison, to-day, to look after the removal of the wreck which was sunk at that point. His new packet, J. N. McCullough, for the Cincinnati and Pittsburgh trade, will be completed in 20 days.

—The Paducah *Herald* of the 3d says: a difficulty occurred on the corner of Broadway and Main street on Tuesday night at about eleven o'clock, between Capt. Joe Fowler and Capt. Tobe Hurt-Thomson, of the steamer Tobe Hurt. Capt. Fowler asked Capt. Thompson something about some charges on freight which his boat owned. Mr. T became excited and used abusive language, which Captain Fowler resented by striking Thompson. A fight ensued, in which Captain Fowler was cut in the forehead and Mr. Thompson in the left shoulder, with a pen-knife, also slightly on the top of the shoulder.

—The Natchez left Cincinnati for New Orleans on Monday, and would pass over the falls on Tuesday. The *Gazette* says: Her cushion house feel here, including certificate of trauma, &c., amounted to about $620. The bar is owned by Johnny Hawkins, of New Orleans, an old freind of Capt. Leathers. The latter gentleman would not rent the bar, although he was offered $10,000 per year for it, but gave it to Mr. Hawkins, as we understand.

—Dan Sullivan, barkeeper of the the Only Chance, arrested at the time of the other day, from the wreck in the Arkansas. The hull was breaking in several places and she was about to turn over. Her crew were out on the bank, fearing such a catastrophe. Capt. Gunnills and Mr. Seaman were trying to take out the machinery. When the last sunk, she had only 325 bales cotton.

—We clip the following from the Cincinnati *Gazette* of Tuesday. The books at the Custom House show that on yesterday the steamer Emperor was sold by J. D. Parker, trustee for Capt. Val J. Horsen, Jr., to John Weaver and Albert Mellon, jr., for $6,50. The boat left for Middleport last evening, to go on the docks.

—We find the following in the St. Louis *Democrat*, of Sunday: That Far West fast freight line seems to be a big thing, and does not bode any good to our mountain steamers next year. J Lawrence is in it; Sam Dellow, Woodward, Blackmore, Charlie Ellerd, &c., all live men,

—A passenger on the Mollie Able, on his way to Texas, where greenbacks are unknown, purchased four counterfeit $20 gold pieces from a sharper at the moderate sum of $83 in currency. Gold may be declining, but that innocent traveler thinks brass is rising.

—The officers and crew of the steamer D. C. Hasklns, which foundered in the Gulf Stream, Nov. 17, while enroute from New York to San Francisco, numbered 33 men, of whom 9 were saved and 24 missing.

—Jack Wilson, levee clerk, and Mike Pyne, formerly one of the owners of the St. Patrick, are candidates for wharfmaster at Memphis.

—The Glendale collided with the ferry-b at Isaac Fowman, Saturday, at Louisville, snapping both of her rudders.

—Mr. W. C. Anderson, formerly clerk on the Kenton is now in charge of the office on the New State.

—Six thousand dollars were collected at St. Louis, for wharfage, during the month of November.

—The Mary Davage, left Cincinnati for Pittsburgh on Monday evening.

RIVER PACKETS.

CAIRO AND ST. LOUIS.

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Allegheny Councils meet to-night.

Notice.—Mr. S. R. Davis, the present efficient Wharf Master of the Western District of Allegheny City, will be a candidate for re-election in 1870. 2t

Disorderly House.—Information was made yesterday, by J. Surline, against Francis Foster for keeping a disorderly bawdy house on Webster avenue. Warrant issued.

Alderman Donaldson yesterday issued a warrant for John Smith's arrest, for abandoning his wife. In justice to all parties it should be remembered that the unfortunate man in this case is John the husband of Maria Smith.

Election.—The Jesus Verin, a benevolent organization of Allegheny, at their annual meeting Tuesday evening elected the following officers: President, Lawrence Walther; Vice President, John Waeder; Secretary, Valentine Gast; Treasurer, John Gleinnartz.

Forcible Entry.—Yesterday Alomena West caused the arrest of Mary Travilli, whom she charged with forcibly entering her room in Seeger's saloon, Allegheny, and refusing to retire when politely requested to do so. The case was discharged at the cost of the prosecutor.

Hair Pulling.—Peter Nary alleges Patrick Meskill committed an assault and battery upon him, in Anderson & Co.'s steel works, Ross street. Peter exhibits a tuft of hair, corresponding to a bare spot on his head, which he alleges was the result of the quarrel. The police are looking for Peter.

Missing Man.—Edward Douval, of Glendale Station, has been missing since Saturday. He was last seen on that evening in Sproal's exchange, Federal street, Allegheny. He had in his possession about fifteen dollars and was dressed in black clothing. Any information of him can be left at the Allegheny Mayor's office.

Fire in Allegheny.—Last evening at about half past seven o'clock, a slight fire occurred at Robert Hall's Globe Flow Works, opposite the Pearl Steam Mill, Ohio Basin, First ward, Allegheny. The fire originated in the work shop, but was extinguished before any material damage was done. An alarm was sounded from box 25, and the engines were out but not in service.

Unpleasant Collecting.—James McEwen made affidavit before Alderman Taylor yesterday, to the effect that Chas. Boreland, of Plum township, owed him four dollars and eighty cents for farm work, and when requested to pay, not only refused to do so, but whipped him for asking for it. Boreland was arrested, paid over the wages and costs of prosecution, and was allowed to go free.

Fire Alarm.—Last night about half past eleven o'clock, an alarm of fire was sounded from box 27, corner of Webster and Grant streets. The alarm was occasioned by the burning of some clothing hanging by the fire to dry in a house, corner of Tunnel and Wylie streets, occupied by a washerwoman. The excitement was all over before the steamers arrived, and their services were not required.

Charged with Horse Stealing.

Yesterday Robert Skillen, of Plum township, made information before Alderman Taylor against Henry Grist for larceny. A few nights ago a horse was missing from Mr. Skillen's stable, simultaneous with the disappearance of Grist, who had been loafing about the premises,—a circumstance which explains the information. The animal was valued at one hundred and thirty dollars.

Grist is now in jail awaiting trial on another charge of larceny, a suit of clothing having, it is alleged, been taken by him from Cohen's store, Penn street, Monday afternoon. The alderman lodged a second committment against him.

It is said that Grist was enggged in another horse transaction in Indiana township, for which he was arrested, but afterwards escaped. The authorities at that place have been informed of his apprehension, and are expected to secure him should he get through here.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were admitted of record in the office of Thos. H. Hunter, Recorder for Allegheny county, Tuesday, December 8th, 1869:

James Burton to Jerry Reynolds, March 16, 1867; lot 60 by 180 feet on Reid's alley, Twenty first ward, Pittsburgh.....$1
John Beecker to James Burton, March 9, 1869; same lot.....$20
Fa mer Beans to Hill Burgwin, November 29, 1869; lot in Twenty-third ward, Pennock's plan, corner of Spring and Beaver streets.....$1
Wm. Hyde, Jr., to Lohman to Adam Hoelleman, Dec. 10, 1869; lot in Reserve township, containing acres.....$
Mary Ann Bailey to John Witters, Sept. 21, 1869; lot No. 1 Wilson's plan, Allegheny.....$
Mary Ann Bailey to M. M. Reichsbower, June 16, 1868; lots on corner of Manilla & William streets, Mt. Washington, 25 by 120 feet.....$25
George Desound of Thos. Schuler, Dec. 6, 1869; lot in Charlt.es township, containing 12½ acres.....$6.00
Dr. A. M. Barr to J. M. Kennedy et al., Dec. 8, 1869; lots Nos. 8, 13, 14 and 15, Barr's plan, Lower St. Clair township, and lot on the corner of Jane and Merlin g streets Eat. Birmingham.....$1,250
O'Hara's assignee to James Conlin, Dec. 8, 1869; lots nos. 102 and 103, Inmes's plan, Ormsby, 40 by 100 feet.....$1.00
Samuel Mellon Hazen, Dec. 7, 1869; lot 180 x 90 plan.....$25
W. Zahniser to L. S. Higbee, Nov. 29, 1869; lot 28 by 95, Main street, 17th ward, Pittsburgh.....$1.00
Louis Heinrich to George Meier, Nov. 27, 1869; lot on Wright's alley, East Birmingham, 20 by 60 feet.....$
Jno Fornoff to W. M. Simpson, Dec. 6, 1869; lot 8 w with Run Plank Road, Res rve township, 140 by 250 feet.....$
Thos. S. Maple to Geo ge Link, April 8, 1869; lot in New Sharpsburg, on cr. St. Clair township, 25 by 106 feet.....$250
J. P. Fogan to August Koonig, Jan 1, 1870; lot on Cara a street, East Birmingham, 25 by 100 feet.....$2 200
Peter Hofer to Peter Meiger, Oct. 21, 1869; lot on Eleventh street, Birmingham, 30 by 50 feet.....$
Peter Hofer to Joseph H Ewan, nor. 26, 1869; lot on Franklin street, 20 by 50 feet.....$250
William Chess to Susanna Peacock, June 5, 1869; lot No. 12, Cooper's plan, Union borough.....$300

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—The entertainment at the Opera House last evening was one of the most interesting that has been given there this season. "Formosa, or the Railroad to Ruin," was presented, and we have no hesitancy in saying that it was never presented better by any company. Miss Osborne's personation of the title role or "Jenny Boker," is a highly artistic piece of acting, as is also the "Tom Burroughs" of Mr. Chester. It will be repeated to-night.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.—The Wild, Barney & Mack Minstrels continue to draw large audiences at the Pittsburgh Theatre. Madame Sanyeah, the queen of the trapeze, is also an attractive card, and altogether Mr. Williams gives a first-class Variety entertainment, unequaled in fact by any other establishment of its character in the country.

MASONIC HALL.—Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week, a grand musical entertainment will be given at Masonic Hall by Theodore Thomas' Grand Orchestra, comprising forty-six of the leading musicians of the country. The troupe was organized over four years since by Mr. Thomas, and has been in constant practice ever since in the city of New York, until the present season. They are now making their first tour through the country, and from the manner in which their concerts are spoken of by the entire press of the country through which they have passed, they are really grand affairs. The following brief notice is from the St. Louis *Republican:*

"Philharmonic Hall last night was packed full, showing that the merits of the troupe performing there are fully understood and realized by the public. The excellent programme given was distinguished in its exhibition by that spiritual flow of real genius which marks the true soul who knows how to combine and disseminate the artist work of others. All of the pieces were most heartily applauded. Two more concerts will be given, one to-night at Philharmonic Hall, and on Sunday evening a grand farewell performance at De Bar's Opera House."

CITY HALL.—The fair for the benefit of the Homœopathic Hospital, which opened at City Hall Tuesday night, promises to be a complete success. It could not well prove otherwise, however, under such excellent management. The Hall was well filled last night and we look for a large crowd there to-night. We regret that a want of space prevents a more extended notice of the Fair and the elegant manner in which the Hall is fitted up.

DRUMMER BOY.—The Drummer Boy; or Battle of Shiloh was presented to a full house at the Academy of Music last night. It will be repeated three more evenings and a grand matinee Saturday afternoon. Go and see it.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Monday evening, Mr. Fox will commence a season of fun at the Academy of Music for six nights with his excellent pantomime troupe, "Humpty Dumpty" and "Hickory Dicory Dock" will be given.

THE COURTS.

District Court—Judge Kirkpatrick.

WEDNESDAY, December 8.—Court met at ten o'clock A. M., at which time the case of Johnson vs. Smith, reported yesterday, was resumed.

S. B. Cluley, Sheriff, sworn—Am Sheriff of Allegheny county. Arrested Smith on a capias. Mr. Hagan, of the firm of Hagan & Courtney, gave a check for the amount of the bail, $1,000. The check was drawn by Hagan & Courtney. Smith said he intended going to Chicago. I do not know anything about Smith's circumstances.

Mrs. Amy Johnson, recalled—In contemplation of marriage I laid out considerable money for clothing, additional provisions, &c. I was mistaken in my examination yesterday in saying that Smith paid me the $1,250 on the 20th of March, '67. I should have said the 25th of February.

Cross examined—I got the money I paid for extra clothing, etc., from Mr. Smith. He did not give me an average of five dollars per week. He might have given me $20; do not think I received $100 from Mr. Smith from March to the 1st of August, '67. I paid the ground rent on my property. I got the money from the rent of my house. The ground rent was $100 per annum. Mr. Smith paid the ground rent until the spring of '67. Mr. Smith did not pay more money on my account than would cover my additional expense, incurred after and in consequence of his promise of marriage. Mr. Smith paid me a little pocket money. I kept myself and paid the ground rent from the rent received from my house. My additional clothing bills that season, from March to August, might have amounted to $100. I was mistaken as to the time I received the $1,250. I received it on the 25th of February, '67. I was not mistaken as to Mr. Smith's promise to marry me.

The plaintiff here closed the case.

Mr. Moreland opened the case to the jury in behalf of the defendant, and offered in evidence certain letters written by the plaintiff to the defendant and to other parties for the purpose as stated, of effecting the reputation of the plaintiff. Plaintiff's counsel objected for the reason that the letters proposed to be read in evidence were written long after the breach of contract had been committed, and therefore could not be admitted in evidence for the purpose stated. The Court decided that as affecting the damages, evidence of acts of plaintiff up to the time of bringing the suit might be admitted. The letters were then read to the jury. The first was a letter from plaintiff to defendant, as follows:

E. D. Why do you treat me, a woman that has seen the trouble I have seen in this world. I did not come here to try to cause you any trouble. I was coming to Cleveland and thought I would call and see you first. I have no disposition to injure you, but I hate the idea of your getting married, for you always told me you never would do so. If you will settle my bill here at the hotel, and pay my board, I will not trouble or call on you again. I would not even ask you to do thus but I came away and forgot to go to bank, and have got no money but four dollars to do this with. You know very well that I called to see you out of respect and love, that I once bore for you and do now and I feel left toward me as I do for you, you could not treat me so mean. I could not sleep a wink last night thinking about you. AMY.

The other letter read as follows:

PITTSBURGH, May 8, 1869.

FRIEND AMOS:—I have just arrived here in Pittsburgh and have dropped you a line as was agreed upon. I have seen Ed. this afternoon; he used me very kindly. If you come here pretend you have business, and go out and see him and he will tell you I am here. I am at the St. James Hotel, room No. 49. Shall not remain here long as it is too dry for me. I suppose you are coming up here as you said. Ed. leavas here for Chicago Monday next. Except my best respect, and my name here is Seaman. Mrs. Seaman, if you do not come write me a few lines.

Amos T. Hickman, sworn—Reside in Harrisburg, am a stock dealer; resided in Chicago; left there in '61, was in Chicago in '69; it was about the 23d of April; left Chicago on the 24th; know the plaintiff, Amy A. Johnson; saw her when I was at Chicago; I saw her at her own house, me and Mr. Pat Halligan went there in the afternoon, and she invited us to come back the next day; we went back about 2 P. M.; we were there two different times before I left Chicago. The last time was between sun down and dark; she came in about the same time that we did; we sat there and talked awhile, and she proposed going to a saloon to get something to eat; she done so, had some liquor and something to drink; I drank a glass of ale and we returned back to her house; after we were there two hours I said to Halligan that I would not go back to the stock yards, that I would stay all night; there was a bed in the room and I stripped off and went to bed; plaintiff and Halligan were sitting near the door, she was sitting on his lap. The matter which followed is too obscene for publication. * * * I went to Chicago on business. Halligan resides in Chicago and is employed by S. W. Allerton at the Union Stock Yards; the reputation of the plaintiff at where she resided was bad, prior to the 24th of May.

Cross Examined.—I know the defendant, Mr. Smith; we have always been personal friends; I never had any conversation with Mr. Smith prior to my visit to Chicago; he said when he came to Harrisburg that he had left Chicago on account of the plaintiff; he said he was afraid she would shoot him; Mr. Smith did not send me to Chicago; did not tell plaintiff that I was a personal friend of Mr. Smith, and would try and settle the difficulty between them. She said she was coming to Pittsburgh, and wanted me to meet her. I told her that I was often at Pittsburgh. I never told the plaintiff that I had served a term in the Penitentiary for seduction. All that I heard concerning the reputation of the plaintiff was relative to the affair between her and the defendant, Smith. I came here on Friday last from Harrisburgh to attend this suit. I was subpoenaed since my arrival. Mr. Smith did not pay me anything for coming here. I am a personal friend of Mr. Smith's.

E. S. Smith, sworn—I am defendant in this case. Am employed at the stock yards in East Liberty, buying and selling stock for Mr. Allerton, of Chicago. Met the plaintiff first in Chicago, in the summer of '55. Met her on the street. Had no introduction to her. I never made any promise of marriage to the plaintiff after the 25th of Februrry, '67. I never, at any time, agreed to marry her. On Monday, in March, '67, Mrs. Johnson went to Mr. Brown's office to try to settle a charge of breach of promise case, which she had in Court. I don't know that she had brought a suit against me for a breach of promise, further than what I saw in the Sunday papers. I paid her $850 cash and gave her a note at 6 months for $400. After the papers had been fixed we left Mr. Brown's office. Mrs. Johnson went to the bank and we met on State street; we walked up to her house together and she invited me to come in; I went in; she said she wanted me to call and see her hereafter as we had settled our difficulty; that I should continue my calls as usual; I went home that evening, called the next evening at her request; I staid there all night; there was nothing said about marriage, I think I went back there next day after, there was nothing said about marriage, I never at any time talked of marriage or promised to marry Mrs. Johnson after paying the $1,250; I left Chicago on the 5th of September, 1867; went to New York city.

Defendant's counsel proposed to prove by the witness on the stand that he had been driven from Chicago by the city authorities made by plaintiff. (Objected to by plaintiff's counsel as being irrelevant. Objection sustained.)

A letter, previously read to the jury, was shown witness, which he identified as having been written by Amy A. Johnson, and which he received on or about the 6th of May. She was stopping at that time at the St. James Hotel. She came to the Eastern Exchange Hotel to see me on the 4th of May, '67. Sent a boy for me, and I went to the parlor and knocked at the door, and Mrs. Johnson let me in. I asked her what brought her there, and she said she came to see me. She wanted me to come to the St. James Hotel with her, but I did not go. Went down next morning to the St. James Hotel and asked the clerk if such a lady was stopping there; I asked him to show me the parlor and show the lady in; he did so; I asked her what she wanted with me; she began to get angry, and I started down to the door; she turned to scold me my hat away from me, and said she would come out to East Liberty again; I told her if she did I would have her arrested by the police; the next day I was arrested by the sheriff. There was nothing said about marriage at that time; I saw her prior to that time in June, '66, at the St. James Hotel; she wanted me to come to Chicago and live; there was nothing said about the marriage; she wanted me to come to Chicago, as she was keeping an ice cream saloon and did not like the business, as she was frequently insulted by persons coming in and out; she wanted me to buy her a cottage; I don't think Mrs. Johnson was engaged in any business when I first became acquainted with her, in May, 1865, she was doing nothing for a livelihood, at least she so was free to me in East Liberty, at Eastern Exchange Hotel. I bought a cottage for her, costing $700, subject to a ground rent of $100, which I paid, and a larger house she purchased afterwards with my money. Both houses are in Chicago. I did not induce her to sell property at a sacrifice. She said she would sell the cottage and move into the larger house and keep boarders, of whom I should be one. I contributed to the furnishing of the larger house. From 25th of February to 25th of September I gave her sums of money ranging from $5 to $20 per week—in all about $300.

At this point Court adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock A. M., Thursday.

TRIAL LIST FOR THURSDAY.

58. Bravo vs. steamer Elisha Bennett.
62. Burbridge & Co. vs. McDevitt.
5. Hoeveler et al. vs. Gready's admx.
5. Krueckamp vs. same.
8. Fulton vs. Fulton's exr's.
11. McCarlin's exr's vs. McAboy.
43. Hyde vs. Robinson, Hill & Co.
41. Kountz vs. McKelvey.

Quarter Sessions—Judges Stowe and Collier.

This Court met yesterday, Judges Stowe and Collier on the bench.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. John Anderson, indicted for rape, on oath of Mrs. Ramsay, the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Com. vs. Lawrence Sullivan. Indictment nuisance. The defendant is the owner of a stone-quarry on Boyd's Hill, which R. M. McCullough alleges causes the water, in rainy weather, to flow on his premises, causing damage. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR THURSDAY.

22. Com. vs. Jas. A. McFadden.
23. " Nicholas Myers.
24. " Charles Ramsay.
25. " Timothy Scanlon, 2 cases.
31. " M. L. Malone.
30. " Wm. P. Wampler.
42. " H. H. Meyers.

The following surety of the peace and abandonment cases will be taken up on Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Parties interested must be in Court, otherwise the cases may be dismissed at the cost of the parties not appearing.

TRIAL LIST FOR SATURDAY.

8. Com. vs. Simon Schock.
12. " Valentine Derry.
13. " Mary Ayers.
14. " Michael Hofers.
15. " Michael Harrison.
16. " George Hunter.
17. " Fame Hunter.
18. " Anne Hunter.
33. " Manuael Cunes, et al.
34. " John Hayes.
36. " Gen. F. Harbaugh.
37. " Gerhard Smally.
38. " Wm. Brooks, et al.

Common Pleas—Judge Sterrett.

TUESDAY, December 8.—The case of Hill vs. Coulter, previously reported, was resumed and is still on trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR THURSDAY.

298. Johns and wife vs. McAboy.
305. Waring vs. Thomas.
Same vs. Loeffler.
309. Best, Thomas & Co. vs. Kenyon.
315. Thomas vs. Lindenfelder.
316. J. W. Elliott & Son vs. Neal.
317. Barnes vs. Lindsey et al.
318. Smith vs. McAboy.
328. Hughes vs. Franey.
351. Rogers vs. King et al.
510. Com. for use vs. Miller.

BOLD HIGHWAYMEN.

Pedestrian Garroted—Robbed of $162—How it was Accomplished.

Shortly after dark last evening, a neat and expeditious garrotting operation took place in Allegheny. Mr. Andrew Copeland, a young man, was walking down Sandusky street, about seven o'clock, and at the railroad crossing met a couple of rough looking characters, one of whom jostled him rudely. Mr. Copeland paid no attention to the fellows, supposing them to be intoxicated, and proceeded on his way. When he arrived at an alley between Robinson and Sandusky streets, observing the men following him closely, he stopped for a moment. Just then the largest of the two, a heavy set, powerful man, sprung on and with the remark, "Come here, my honey, we want you," placed a hand over the mouth of his victim, and held him as with a vise in his arms. The odor of chap then leisurely went through his pockets, securing a purse containing $162. They then let him go, but before clearing out, made a grab for his watch. Fortunately the chain broke, and the thief makes off, a good article worth over two hundred dollars, was left in his possession. By this time footsteps were heard approaching, and the bold highwaymen cleared out. Mr. Copeland followed them for a short distance, but was admonished of the danger of such action by several good sized boulders, which came whizzing in close proximity to his head. He then made his office acquainted with the facts, and there the matter rests at present, with no clue to the robbers.

DARING ASSAULT.

Roughs at Work—The Knife in Play—Citizen Severely Wounded.

The Railroad bridge, yesterday morning, about one o'clock, was the scene of an exceedingly daring attempt at robbery and murder. The victim was Mr. John Fechter, residing in the Fourth ward, Allegheny. Mr. Fechter was crossing the bridge from Pittsburgh, and had proceeded but a short distance when he was approached by two ruffians, who with threats and imprecations, demanded his money. Upon being told that he had none, they searched his pockets and found nothing but a small amount of change, which apparently displeased them. Thereupon one of the chaps drew a knife and inflicted upon his helpless victim five or six very severe wounds. The wounded man fell at this instant, and his assailants at once made off. Though badly cut and bleeding from his wounds, Mr. Fechter managed to get home, where his injuries were attended to. They are not considered dangerous, although of a painful and severe character. He thinks he could not recognize the men who attacked him, and has not as yet made any information. It is not probable the desperadoes will ever be caught, although they deserve to stretch a halter.

Alleged Forgery.

Mention was made yesterday of the arrest of Jacob Goetz, charged with false pretence in paying a bill with his check, which proved to be worthless. Since then two additional informations have been made against him before Alderman Bailie, of Allegheny, by George Stewart—one for forgery and another for false pretences. Stewart alleges Goetz paid him a bill of $14.60 with a worthless check, and gave him a note for ninety days for $190.15, endorsed by M. Glipps, which he alleges is a forgery—the signature of Glipps not being genuine. The Aldermen issued warrants for the arrest of the accused.

"The Women of New York," is the taking title of a handsome volume of 600 pages, by George Edington, and published by the New York Book Company, and for which Mr. Joseph A. Frink, 157 Fifth avenue extension, acts as the Pittsburgh agent for soliciting subscriptions. The book is profusely illustrated, and deals with its subject, which presents some peculiar phases, with tact and an instructive frankness. The canvasser will wait upon our citizens personally to invite their patronage.

Cream Ale made at the Oregon Brewery is beautiful to look upon. Its body of gold and head of snow, with sparkling beads continually rising, give promise to the thirsty of a glorious and invigorating draught. Let any one who does not think ale a delicious beverage call for a glass of Pier, Damnals & Co.'s "Cream," and we venture to say he will immediately change his opinion.

Good House and Lot at Auction.—A real good opportunity will be presented to-morrow. The property No. 64 Beech street, Second ward, Allegheny, will be sold at two o'clock. It is a good house in a good locality, and is worthy of special attention. See advertisement on fourth page, by A. Leggate, auctioneer.

Heath Rouaves—The members of the Heath Zouaves and others desirous of joining the company are requested to meet at the Armory, at Sandusky street and West Penns, E. E., Allegheny city, this (Thursday) evening, Dec. 9th, at 7½ o'clock sharp. By order of the CAPTAIN.

Employment Office.—Girls wanted for cooks and private families in the city. R. H. Long, at No. 12 Federal street, near bridge, Allegheny City, at the Dexter Washing Machine Office. 1m

Ladies can beautify their complexions without injury by using Milk of Violets. Sold by druggists and fancy goods dealers. V. W. Brinckerhoff, N. Y., general agent.

Constitution Water is a certain cure for Diabetes and all diseases of the Kidneys. For sale by all Druggists. TTHS:T.

—The coming report of the Auditor of Iowa, will show that that State has received from the Federal Government, $483,286, in part payment of money expended in raising, equipping and sending troops into the field. The State still holds claims for $193,214, against the General Government, which has not yet been passed upon.

WEDDING BAZAARS.

BY HENRY WARD BEECHER.

How beautiful is the beginning of wedded life! Not the first bloom of snowdrops and crocus in spring; not the budding and blossom of honeysuckle or magnolia; not the earliest songs of birds, and their sports among the tender leaves but half opened, is so charming to the imagination! If the young hearts are simple, loving, and sincere, there rises before their imagination a series of joys which fill the whole horizon. They know that there is care and labor for every one, but love shall gild the one and lighten the other.

It is a world of sorrow; sickness and death befall every one. But what are these special thoughts to young hearts that mean to go triumphing over every ill by the irresistible power of true love? Even those who have seen their visions melt away, and who have been disenchanted, love to go back for the hour to the old fond delight. They look with pleasure upon two souls leaving the shore for the wide sea, fondly believing that there will never be a wave upon the water, nor a gale in the air. Those even who have had stormy days and a dreary voyage, are glad that the beginning of it should be bright.

There is one point of universal sympathy, the wedding hour of two ingenuous youths. Every one rises out of his dull and droning life into his best moods. Every one's eyes look benignly upon the happy pair. Every one would fain throw a flower upon their path, and if he could, a flower without thorns.

It is under this generous impulse that the custom arose of making presents to the bride. Probably it began in simpler ages than ours, when men were shepherds and husbandmen. The young people must be set up in housekeeping. One, therefore, would give a garment, another a cow, another a piece of furniture. In some villages in Europe, to this day, the young pair walk from the church to their new home, by the side of a loaded cart whereon their neighbors have piled all miscellaneous stuff of a rustic household. So that, when they are settled down at home, almost every article speaks to them a language of kindness from some village friend. This simple way was the real community set up each new household.

But as wealth increases, and new manners prevail in refined society, it is no longer an aim to furnish the lodgings of love's young pilgrims. The custom of giving presents remains, but the motive changes; and unless great caution be used, such custom degenerates, and becomes offensive. To those who are rich, and who can repay again," presents abound. While the less favored, to whom some help would be most timely, little is given. The daughter of a rich man marries a man's only son. Every one would fain stand with them in small. Diamond rings, bracelets of great price, silver ware of every kind, with and without a use, books, pictures, curiosities of every line abound, and the long table groans with needless profusion. There is no thought of setting up in life this joyous pair, for they are full rich already, and able to furnish their costly dwelling munificently. It is the motive be worthy of the gifts, how much must these two people be beloved!

But it it be done in a truly charitable spirit, it will not be an ungracious thing to trace these gifts, and to unveil the motives which have brought hither such rare and costly tributes.

The parents, the brothers and sisters, the near relatives, of course flitly bestow these offerings. The near neighbor recalls, when his daughter was married, that the bride's father gave her a silver urn, and surely it would not do for him to be less generous. Under the form of affection, he settles a debt, and says, when all is over, "There, that score is cleared. No man can say that he outdid me." A less favored suitor, of tolerable means, thinks with himself, "He shall not outdo me." She more than half favored my addresses. But no one shall suspect by my manner that I care for either of them. Besides, it never does any harm to stand well with such people of influence." And so a shining gift goes from his hand.

The lawyer who did the father's business, and expects the son's says, "It will never do for me to be stingy on such an occasion. Money is a scarce article at present, money planted." Correspondents and bankers, political friends and partners, must send or suffer. The young cousin who is clerking at a small salary dare not without his gift, and is ashamed to send such an one as comports with his means. He dreads to see his meagre offering outdone by blazing rivals, and so, taking counsel of fear and vanity, he goes against his conscience, and pinching himself for months, he pays for a gift beyond his means. He might be strengthened against a second temptation, if he could hear the bride's father saying, "What Jacob sent this? The young dog is extravagant. Wonder if he thinks he's rich?"

I seldom take pleasure in looking at the wedding treasure chamber. The gold and silver have no beauty in my eyes. I am sure that love gave them, and was able to give, the present was to me too precious. But I think of the humble cousins in the poor young men wishing to stand well in society, the outside friends that dare not come without gifts when all are expected to give, and this takes away all pleasure. Each man's gift is marked with his name, that every one may know how well each has done his duty. "Have you been up to see the presents?" is the language of kindness from some village friend. This simple way was a real community set up each new household.

But as wealth increases, and new manners prevail in refined society, it is no longer an aim to furnish the lodgings of love's young pilgrims. The custom of giving presents remains, but the motive changes; and unless great caution be used, such custom degenerates, and becomes offensive. To those who are rich, and who can repay again," presents abound. While the less favored, to whom some help would be most timely, little is given. The daughter of a rich man marries a man's only son. Every one would fain stand with them in small. Diamond rings, bracelets of great price, silver ware of every kind, with and without a use, books, pictures, curiosities of every line abound, and the long table groans with needless profusion. There is no thought of setting up in life this joyous pair, for they are full rich already, and able to furnish their costly dwelling munificently. It is the motive be worthy of the gifts, how much must these two people be beloved?